INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATES

TECHNOLOGY MOVES FAST—MAKE SURE YOUR CAREER KEEPS PACE

Information technology is an innovative field that has transformed virtually everything about the way the world works. If you already hold a bachelor’s degree, an online certificate from Purdue University Global can help ensure you have the most up-to-date IT skills and are ready to take on increasingly complex IT challenges. Develop the critical knowledge and skills to keep you competitive in this evolving, high-growth industry.
WHY STUDY TECHNOLOGY AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Earn your certificate 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

CAREER-FOCUSED CURRICULUM
Prepare to meet the demand for skilled professionals in growing areas such as information security, cybersecurity, software development, and computers and information technology.

RELEVANT, HANDS-ON LEARNING
Gain real-world skills to build your resume, and immediately apply the concepts you learn in the classroom to tackle the IT challenges in your workplace.

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Learn from practicing professionals with extensive experience in IT and education. All of our professors possess advanced academic degrees and multiple industry certifications.

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR MASTER’S DEGREE
Qualified credits earned in fulfillment of the Graduate Certificate in Information Security may be applied toward the requirements of certain Purdue Global master’s degree programs.

PREPARE FOR CERTIFICATION
Keep building your credentials—our certificate programs are designed to prepare students for the following professional certification exams:

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Graduates may have to meet additional requirements to qualify for certification exams.
Courses provide specialized IT knowledge and skills. The curriculum is reviewed and revised continually by our dedicated curriculum department and advisory board to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

**Cisco Networks Postbaccalaureate Certificate | 25 credits/5 courses**
Focus on: network administration, TCP/IP protocols, and network routers and switches

**Computer Forensics Postbaccalaureate Certificate | 28 credits/5 courses**
Focus on: intrusion detection systems, incidence response strategies, computer forensics, and forensic techniques

**Graduate Certificate in Information Security | 16 credits/4 courses**
Focus on: computer security, penetration testing, ethical hacking, cryptography, and network security tools
Note: Students pursuing this certificate must hold a bachelor's degree in information technology.

**Information Security Postbaccalaureate Certificate | 21 credits/4 courses**
Focus on: network operating systems, network security, threat detection and response methods, disaster recovery planning, cryptography, information security, and risk management

**Microsoft Operating Systems Postbaccalaureate Certificate | 21 credits/4 courses**
Focus on: PC configuration and maintenance, desktop administration, network administration, and Active Directory configuration

**Programming and Software Development Postbaccalaureate Certificate | 34 credits/6 courses**
Focus on: database concepts for software, web, and mobile application development; advanced programming; developing software products using Agile; and design strategies

**PROGRAM DETAIL**

**Program Length:**
- Graduate Certificate: Less than 6 months of full-time study
- Postbaccalaureate Certificates: 1 year or less of full-time study

**Course Load:** 2 courses per term

**Terms:**
- Graduate Certificate: 6 weeks long
- Postbaccalaureate Certificates: 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Delivery:** 100% online

These certificate programs are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid.

**ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**
- Master of Science in Cybersecurity Management
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Master of Business Administration
CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK
(From 2019 to 2029)

• **Software developers** and **information security analysts** are among the fastest growing occupations.\(^6\)
• Projected growth of employment of **information security analysts** is 31%, much faster than the average for all occupations.\(^5\)
• Employment of **computer and information technology occupations** is projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations.\(^7\)
• More than 530,000 IT jobs are expected to be added.\(^1\)

CAREER OUTCOMES\(^2\)

Potential Roles

**Postbaccalaureate Certificates**
Entry-level positions in computer forensics, information security, Microsoft operating systems, programming and software development, or working with Cisco networks

**Graduate Certificate in Information Security**
Advanced positions in information security

CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT
Our Career Specialists connect IT students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

• Career assessment/exploration
• Resume and cover letter review
• Interview preparation/mock interviews
• Portfolio development to showcase your skills
• Assistance in building an online presence
• Job search and networking support
• Virtual career fairs
• 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
Purdue University Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLCommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **PurdueGlobal.edu**.

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2 Speak to an Advisor about admissions requirements and transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
3 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.
4 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
7 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary by organization.