CompTIA A+

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Certifying Organization	CompTIA https://certification.comptia.org/
Description of Credentials **IBC#: 014**	CompTIA A+ credential prepares candidates for technical support and IT operational roles. However, it is much more than PC repair. This credential certifies that the student has demonstrated proficiency in foundational computer installation, preventive maintenance, networking, security and troubleshooting. To learn more about this credential click the CompTIA A+ Certification overview link.
Part of which Graduation Pathways [1]	<u>Statewide</u>: Cyber Engineering <u>Integrated</u>: Information Technology
[Associated with Which Careers?](#)	<u>5 Stars</u>: Computer Systems Manager, Computer Programmer, Computer Systems Analyst, Computer User Support Specialist, Industrial Engineer, Network Systems Administrator, Sales Representative – Technical and Scientific Products, Software Developer <u>4 Stars</u>: Computer Network Architect, Computer Network Support Specialist, Database Administrator
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	$28,000 - $51,000

Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students

Standard / Curriculum	There are several exam training options to fit your particular learning style and schedule (self-study, instructor-led, exam objectives, sample questions). Learn more by clicking on the following CompTIA A+ content Resources: www.totalsem.com McGraw Hill – click "Cancel" Cengage Wiley Sybex					
Testing Methodology	Paper?	No	Online?	Yes	Performance Exams / Tests?	Yes
Re-Testing (if available)	Re-Testing Procedures	CompTIA A+ does not require any waiting period between the first and second retake. Students must wait 14 days for a third or subsequent retake exam.		Max Attempts	There is no annual limit on the number of attempts on the same exam.	

Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	CompTia A+ Certificate Exam Guide CompTIA Video Explaining Exam Minimum recommended student age for certification is 13. CompTIA A+ 220-901 covers PC hardware and peripherals, mobile device hardware, networking and troubleshooting hardware and network connectivity issues. Minimum score is 675 out of 900 CompTIA A+ 220-902 covers installing and configuring operating systems including Windows, iOS, Android, Apple OS x and Linux. It also addresses security, the fundamentals of cloud computing and operational procedures. Minimum score is 700 out of 900. CompTIA A+ 220-1001 covers mobile devices, networking technology, hardware, virtualization and cloud computing and network troubleshooting. Minimum score is 675 out of 900. CompTIA A+ 220-1002 covers installing and configuring operating systems, expanded security, software troubleshooting and operational procedures. Minimum score is 700 out of 900. CompTia A+ Domains and Exam Details CompTia A+ FAQs CompTIA A+ content Resources: www.totalsem.com McGraw Hill – click "Cancel" Cengage Wiley Sybex CompTia A+ Exam Policies Exams are administered at Pearson Vue Authorized Testing Centers. Schools can become authorized testing centers through https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centers.aspx Educators seeking student accommodations must make request to Pearson VUE at least 30 days before the scheduled exam appointment. Email http://pearsonvue.com
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers *Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they're teaching students to attain.*	
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	CompTIA A+ teacher certification is required.
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	CompTIA exams are administered under secure, proctored conditions at Authorized Pearson VUE testing centers. Pearson VUE confirms the identity of exam candidates and provides a controlled environment for collecting and transmitting exam results. Schools may establish a Pearson VUE testing center on their campus. See https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centers.aspx
Certification Tracking	
Credentialing Documentation	CompTIA maintains all documentation. Students create their own CompTIA Certification account and can track CompTIA A+ certification (and other certifications offered by CompTIA) online. Students can print out copies of the certifications they have earned or have the certifications mailed to them. *Teachers* can track the certification results of their students using the student voucher number used for the exam. *Schools will not be able to track the results of students who take the exam at a public testing center without the cooperation /disclosure by the student.* Picture of Sample CompTIA certification

Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	Yes	Details	N/A
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	Certification is valid for three years. Students must earn at least 20 CEUs for recertification. For more information and fee schedule for renewing certification, Renewal Policies		

Certification Costs / Funding Sources

Cost Details	CompTia A+ Exam Details and Prices CompTIA A+ Voucher Details – scroll toward the bottom of the page Each exam is $219. Bundle vouchers are available. Payment Options Vouchers expire 12 months after issued. Vouchers emailed within 24 business hours, but often within 3-4 hours. Vouchers purchased via CompTIA Academy membership are considerably cheaper than CompTIA's retail pricing. Follow the link to apply for the free CompTIA Academy membership. Exam Vouchers are also available at discounted prices from many online vendors such as: www.totalsem.com www.supervoucher.com https://getcertified4less.com Regional or statewide pricing opportunities may be available.
Re-test / Refund Policies	No free or discount re-test. Exam fees are not refundable

Funding Sources[2]	CDF?	Yes	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)	

For More Information

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1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the graduation pathway you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway. Always check with certifying agency for latest updates.

2 – CDF = Career Development Fund