CompTIA IT Fundamentals

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Certifying Organization	CompTIA https://certification.comptia.org/
Description of Credential **IBC#: 166**	The CompTIA IT Fundamentals exam focuses on the essential IT skills and knowledge needed to perform tasks commonly performed by advanced end-users and entry-level IT professionals alike, including: using features and functions of common operating systems and establishing network connectivity, identifying common software applications and their purpose and using security and web browsing best practices. This exam is intended for candidates who are advanced end users and/or are considering a career in IT. The exam is also a good fit for individuals interested in pursuing professional-level certifications, such as A+.
Part of which Graduation Pathways [1]	Integrated: Information Technology, Technology Specialist
Associated with Which Careers?	5 Star: Computer and Information Systems Managers, Computer Programmers, Computer Systems Analyst, Computer User Support Specialists, Information Security Analysts, Network and Computer Systems Administrators, Software Developers, Applications 4 Star: Computer and Information Research Scientists, Computer Network Support Specialists, Database Administrators, Human Resources Specialists, Web Develops,
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	$28,000 - $51,000

Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students					
Standard / Curriculum	A document detailing CompTIA IT Fundamentals certification requirements can be found at the following link: Certification Overview Learn more by clicking on the following CompTIA IT Fundamentals resource.				
Testing Methodology	Paper?	No	Online?	Yes	Performance Exams / Tests? Yes
Re-Testing (if available)	Re-Testing Procedures	CompTIA 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 IT Fundamentals Exam Details CompTIA IT Fundamentals Exam Preparation CompTIA Video Explaining Exam Exam Codes are FC0-U51 and FC0-U61.FC0-U51 retires July 15 2019. ITF FC0-U61 was released in October 2018 and will be valid for three years from that date. Students must pass an exam composed of 75 multiple choice and performance-based questions. Length of test is 60 minutes. Passing score is 650 out of 900. No prior experience necessary. Exams are administered at Pearson Vue Authorized Testing Centers. Schools can become authorized testing centers through CompTIA Academy Partners. Request information: academy@comptia.org . Educators seeking accommodations must email their request to http://pearsonvue.com at least 30 days before testing.				

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 IT Fundamentals teacher certification required. Instructors may be interested in joining the CompTIA Instructor Network.			
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 IT Fundamentals may also be delivered through the CompTIA Anywhere Proctor Test Delivery System. Anywhere Proctor program allows candidates to register and take a standard certification exam wherever there is an approved Anywhere Proctor present and an internet-connected PC that meets system requirements **NOTE: high stakes exams such as A+, Network+ and Security+ may NOT be delivered through the Anywhere Proctor program.**			
Certification Tracking				
Credentialing Documentation	CompTIA maintains all documentation. Students create their own CompTIA Certification account and can track CompTIA IT Fundamentals 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.* Sample CompTIA certification			
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	Yes	Details	N/A
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	CompTIA IT Fundamentals certification is considered good for life and does not need to be renewed.		
Certification Costs / Funding Sources				
Cost Details	If you're purchasing vouchers on behalf of students, learn how a CompTIA IT Fundamentals site license could benefit your school. Teachers accustomed to purchasing vouchers on the Pearson VUE store may continue to purchase their vouchers there. Order FC0-U51 (retires July 15 2019) or FC0-U61 if your school participates in the CompTIA Anywhere Proctored program or if you plan to have your students take their exams at a Pearson VUE test center. Packages are available (voucher, bundle, site license). One voucher = $119.00 Vouchers expire 12 months after issued. Regional or statewide pricing opportunities may be available. 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			

Re-test / Refund Policies [2]	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 the certifying agency for latest updates.

2 – CDF = Career Development Fund