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West Now Offering Prep for Certification In New Technology - VMWare

The CSIT Division at West Los Angeles College, an accredited California Community College in Culver City, recently launched their VMware IT Academy. Students can acquire low-cost virtualization training that prepares them for the VMware Certification Professional 5 (VCP5) exam. VCP5 certification is currently among the most in-demand certifications in the IT world.

Cloud computing and virtualization are changing the way computing services are being implemented and delivered. Cloud computing provides access to hardware and software as a service. Users can access software such as word processing and spread sheet programs without loading the software onto their computers. Organizations and individuals can store files or have server capacity without having the physical storage devices. Additionally, users can access their files anywhere there is WiFi access, not just at home or work.

VIRTUALIZATION provides platforms and solutions to power cloud infrastructures, build and run robust cloud applications, and supply end-user computing as a cloud-based service. A traditional data center has multiple servers where each is dedicated to specific applications. The need to have many servers is expensive, inefficient and space consuming. Virtualization allows a data center to have multiple servers being used more efficiently without needing to have the physical machines. This reduces cost, need for space, and maintenance. Greater use of virtual hardware and applications also facilitates more efficient, low cost backing up of data and less interruptions of service to users due to hardware problems.

“The VMWare Academy is a natural progression for our CSIT division,” explained Professor Marcus Butler, VMware program coordinator. “We have been offering Cisco hardware and Microsoft server courses for a combined 15 years. These are the core technologies related to virtualization.” He added that VMWare is inherently a multi-certification training program. Students progressing toward their VCP5 certification will automatically prepare themselves for other certifications as they proceed through the track.

“I am very pleased that West has added VCP5 certification training to our outstanding computer science and information technology curriculum,” said college president Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh. “Again and again we hear in the news that there are many available jobs in emerging technologies but not enough people with the right skills to fill them. The VMWare Academy is part of our on-going efforts to provide programs that prepare students for those jobs.”

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