

IT ACADEMY

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New VMware IT Academy Program - Enhancements for 2018 Announcement/ FAQs – August 2018

Executive Summary:

VMware is committed to Education and supporting our academic community through our VMware IT Academy program. Through course updates and changes, we are improving the Academy curriculum to make it more relevant for today's learner.

Goals of the VMware IT Academy:

To better serve the academic community and allow students to gain a broader understanding of how VMware solutions are used to solve business challenges. To provide students a foundational knowledge of VMware Technology and Solutions.

What are the changes for 2018?

The VMware IT Academy program will be replacing the advanced commercial courses aligning to the VCP-DCV certification with new curriculum. The "Software Defined IT using VMware" – Solutions 3 will be released in mid-August; therefore, we will extend the current commercial ICM course until December 31, 2018 to give you enough time to transition to the new course.

However, after August 1, 2018, vSphere Optimize and Scale commercial courses and the PSE exam voucher 622 will no longer be offered through the VMware IT Academy.

Optimize and Scale courses will be available at commercial training centers, on demand or you can learn on your own. A student can then take and pass the commercial Optimize and Scale exam (2VO-622) to be VCP-DCV certified. Students will have one year after download to take the exam.

Why is VMware making this change?

We are improving the Academy curriculum to make it more relevant for today's learner. Students need to gain a broader view of how VMware solutions are used to solve business challenges verses focusing solely on vSphere.

By replacing the VCP-DCV commercial courses with a strong foundation in virtualization and cloud computing, we prepare students for more advanced skills development.

What is the benefit for IT Academy customers?

The redesigned IT Academy will:

- Develop a strong foundation in virtualization and cloud computing that prepares students for more advanced skill development.
- Allow students to gain a broader view of how VMware solutions that are used to solve business challenges.
- Provide an opportunity for students to be recognized with a new VMware Academic certification plus access to an academic discount when they take the new certification exam.

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Eligibility

The three new IT Academy courses are available to government accredited secondary and post-secondary educational institutions who are offering VMware courses in a degree or diploma program.

Can courses be offered through continuing education or workforce development?

Our courses can be offered through continuing education or workforce development. However, the **Software Defined IT Using VMware Solutions-3** course must be taught over 4 weeks or more (meaning no fewer than 4 weeks) and may not be offered in a Boot-Camp or Seminar-type format. **Introduction to Virtualization, Solutions 1** and **IT Solutions for Digital Businesses Solutions-2** courses may be taught in fewer than 4 weeks and in a Boot-Camp or Seminar-type format. Violation of this policy may result in a termination of your status as an IT Academy.

What about solely online?

Your organization cannot be an Academy if it exclusively delivers online courses.

New Curriculum and Resources

Will VMware be offering any new academic courses?

Yes, we are introducing 3 new courses

1) The beginner's course, [Introduction to Virtualization, Solutions 1](#) is a free 8-hour micro-course developed in partnership with the Network Development Group (NDG).

2) **IT Solutions for Digital Businesses, Solutions 2** – Is a 60-hour course. This is an advanced entry-level course designed for MIS, CS and IT students and traces the emergence of virtualization, the modern virtual data center and digital workspaces. A case study is included to prepare students for the VMware Certified Associate –Digital Business Transformation - (VCA-DBT). Available in your Kivuto webstore.

3) **Software Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3** – Is a 40-hour skill-based course focused on vSphere: Install, Configure, & Manage with 20 hours of optional materials on vRealize, vSAN, and NSX content. This course prepares students for the vSphere Foundations Exam and is a skill based course with hands on labs. It will be available in August 2018.

What is the last date the commercial VCP-DCV courses can be offered by an IT Academy?

August 1, 2018 will be the last day Kivuto will be offering the teaching, learning, and certification resources for the commercial version of vSphere: ICM and vSphere: Operate & Scale (O&S) will be available commercially. These resources will be replaced with new Academic courses.

What is the last date our academy can offer ICM and O&S

The "Software Defined IT using VMware" – Solutions 3 will be released in mid-August, therefore, we will extend the current commercial ICM course until December 31, 2018 to transition to the new course. O&S cannot be offered after August 1, 2018.

Can my Academy still offer a path to get VCP-DCV certified?

Yes, an IT Academy that offers VMware courses for academic credit (no professional or workforce development) can prepare students for the VMware VCP-DCV certification by offering the following:

- VMware Solutions 1 and 2 courses (optional but recommended prerequisites for VMware Solutions 3)
- VMware Solutions 3 course and the special academic Foundation exam voucher that will also count towards the VCP-DCV required training course credit
- IT Academy or 3rd party developed vSphere: Optimize and Scale equivalent courses

How long does it take to complete the new courses?

It is up to the instructor to teach the courses based on their recommendations.

Introduction to Virtualization, Solutions 1- 8 hours

IT Solutions for Digital Business, Solutions 2 – 40 hours plus supplemental

Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3 – 60 hours. The first 40 hours is an academic version of the vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage course. The remaining 20 hours is optional introduction to vRealize, vSAN, and NSX content.

What is the cost per course?

Introduction to Virtualization, Solutions 1 is free to anyone through [Network Development Group \(NDG\)](#)

IT Solutions for Digital Business, Solutions 2 and **Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3** will be delivered through Kivuto for an annual Departmental cost of \$250. This annual fee is for distributing all software licenses, vouchers, e-texts, labs, teaching resources and support.

What is the course format of the new courses?

The beginner's course **Introduction to Virtualization, Solutions 1**– is online offered through [Network Development Group \(NDG\)](#). It is available to any learner.

IT Solutions for Digital Business, Solutions 2 and **Software-Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3** – PPT-based course like the commercial vSphere: ICM and O&S courses. Both are available to any approved VMware IT Academy.

Can an Academy offer a vSphere course not developed by VMware?

Yes, an Academy can offer their own customized courses utilizing third party books, your labs or other resources but cannot be promoted using the VMware IT Academy Logo.

Will the commercial vSphere teaching and learning resources be updated to 6.5?

Only vSphere: ICM and labs will be updated to 6.5.

Can a student attend VMware's Commercial Training for vSphere: ICM and O&S?

Yes, students can order the On-Demand Training course for vSphere: ICM and O&S through MyLearn or attend a class at a VMware Authorized Training Center

Will students receive a discount for the Commercial Training for vSphere: ICM and O&S?

IT Academy students do not receive a discount on VMware commercial training courses.

Will a student receive "course attendance" credit for completing any of the new courses?

A student will receive course attendance credit required for the VMware VCP certification after successfully completing **Software-Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3** and registering for the PSE exam using the special Academic/PSE exam voucher distributed by the instructor.

Note: the student will receive the required course attendance credit upon passing the Foundations exam but the course will not be recorded in MyLearn.

Kivuto Webstore

Will our academy subscription expire with Kivuto?

No. Your current subscription can be renewed/purchased one year from your original purchase date.

What resources will be available through Kivuto?

You will continue to have access to the resources outlined below until August 1, 2018

Resources currently available	Resources available in 2018
Software Licenses: Fusion Workstation Pro Workstation Player	Same offering – updated as needed
vCenter Server Standard VMware Study Material Discount VCA Data Center Virtualization Labs vSphere Standard and Enterprise Plus	
e-texts for Cloud Foundations, DCV Fundamentals and Workforce Mobility Fundamentals	Same offering
Discount certification vouchers for VCA and VCP	Discount certification vouchers for the new VCA-DBT (Digital Business Transformation) and the vSphere Foundations exam only. The 622 Optimize and Scale exam voucher will no longer be available after August 1, 2018. Note: the individual VCA exams (i.e. VCA- DCV, etc.) retired December 31, 2017.
VCA labs powered by NDG	Yes
vSphere: ICM and O&S labs powered by NDG	Only vSphere: ICM labs will be offered by NDG after August 1, 2018 as part of the new VMware 3 course.
Academic courses	Yes

Timeline

- “Introduction to Virtualization, Solutions 1” – Available now
- “IT Solutions for Digital Businesses, Solutions 2” – Available now
- “Software Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3” – August 2018

Last day to complete the commercial vSphere: ICM course has been extended to December 31, 2018. The Optimize & Scale (O&S) course will no longer be offered through the IT Academy program after August 1, 2018.

The student must *download* the VCP-DCVPSE 2V0-621PSE [v6] or 2V0- 622PSE [v6.5] academic voucher, issued by the instructor, by August 1, 2018. The voucher is valid for one year following the date of the download.

The last day to utilize NDG Labs for vSphere: Optimize and Scale (O&S) course is August 1, 2018. Note: NDG will continue to update the labs for the vSphere: ICM course as they will be core to the new VMware Solutions 3 course.

NDG Labs and other Labs

VCA labs will still be available through NDG. Labs for the commercial vSphere: ICM and NO O&S available courses will no longer be updated or available after August 1, 2018.

However, NDG will update the vSphere: ICM labs as they are core to the new **Software-Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3**. VMware will still offer the [free Hands on Labs \(HOL\)](http://www.vmware.com/try-vmware/try-hands-on-labs.html) www.vmware.com/try-vmware/try-hands-on-labs.html

Will there be new labs for the new courses?

Yes, there will be labs for the 3 new academic courses. **Introduction to Virtualization, Solutions 1**– built into the online course

IT Solutions for Digital Business, Solutions 2– No labs are included for this course

Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3 – hands-on labs for the vSphere: ICM portion of the course

Are the labs free or do I have to order all from NDG?

There will be a Lab Setup Guide for **IT Solutions for Digital Business, Solutions 2**– and **Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3** allowing IT Academies to setup their own labs using the software and licenses available from the Kivuto webstore. Prebuilt labs are offered through NDG for a small fee.

Certifications and Vouchers

When is the last day instructors can distribute vouchers on behalf of students?

August 1, 2018 will be the last day instructors can distribute vouchers for the VCP-DCV (622) PSE exam to students. On August 1st, the Optimize and Scale course will no longer be offered through the VMware IT Academy program. It will only be offered through our commercial training partners. However, students have one year to take the (2VO-622) PSE exam after it is downloaded. August 1st is the last day to download the (2VO-622) PSE exam voucher.

A voucher for the Foundations exam will remain available to distribute to students successfully completing the new **Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3** course.

Will a student receive "course attendance" credit for completing any of the new academic courses?

Yes, a student will receive course attendance credit after successfully completing Software Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3.

What qualifies as fulfilling the training course requirement?

The Software Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3 course alone will qualify as fulfilling the training course requirement on the IT Academy path. However, only if the PSE exam voucher is redeemed towards the PSE version exam.

Where is the PSE exam voucher located?

The special academic PSE voucher for the vSphere Foundations Exam is listed under "PSE Exams" section on the Pearson "Select Exam" registration page. Once the student has completed the Software Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3 course they can request a voucher from their instructor.

How can I become VCP-DCV certified?

You are half way there! After a student passes the vSphere: Foundations exam (2VO-602 PSE) they can attend an "Optimize and Scale" course at a *commercial* training center, on demand or learn on their own. A student can then take and pass the *commercial* Optimize and Scale exam (2VO-622) to be VCP-DCV certified.

Will an academy course appear in MyLearn or Certification Manager?

No, the IT Academy courses do not appear in MyLearn or Certification Manager.

Important: VMware will NOT certify a candidate if:

A student who attended and took the Software Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3 course at an Academy and did not use the PSE exam voucher. (VMware will not accept commercial (nonacademic/ 'PSE') versions of the vSphere 6.x Foundations exam.

Books and e-texts

When is the last day to order vSphere: ICM and O&S books via Gilmore or e-texts through Kivuto?

The last day to order commercial vSphere O&S books will be August 1, 2018.

Will there be new books available?

Yes. Gilmore Global offers both printed student manual and E-book. The Kivuto webstore also offers e Books for the new VMware **IT Solutions for Digital Business, Solutions 2– and Defined IT Using VMware, Solutions 3**

Branding

Can I continue to use the vITA branding?

Yes, you can continue to use the VMware IT Academy LOGO to teach the new academic courses.

Training and Support

How do I get trained on the new curriculum?

Instructor training options will be communicated via the IT Academy website and upcoming Newsletters. To add yourself or others to the IT Academy Newsletter, email it-academy@vmware.com.

Who do I call for support?

Support questions: itacademy-support@vmware.com

General program questions – it-academy@vmware.com

Kivuto support: elms-fusion@kivuto.com

NDG support: support@netdevgroup.com Gilmore

Global: vmwareitacademy@gilmore.ca

We will keep each of you informed of any changes. Program changes are also posted on our [webpage](#) under Existing Academies and Announcements.

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