Career Readiness Indicator Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to help guide the process for review of a Career Readiness Indicator (CRI). It is the responsibility of the local education agency proposing the addition of the CRI to gather the information and submit it to Josh Laney, Assistant Director for Workforce Development. Answers should be as concise as possible. Information should be submitted as a completed packet, not piecemeal. Additional information may be included at the discretion of the applying agency if it might be pertinent to the evaluation process.

Contact information for person filling out questionnaire

Full Name of the Proposed Career Readiness Indicators:
- Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) 98-388 Introduction to Programming using Java
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Cluster and program for which the CRI is being proposed: Programming and Software Development Program

Submitting Local Education Agency: Vestavia Hills High School
LEA Contact Name: Pam Hickman
LEA Contact Email: hickmanpt@vestavia.k12.al.us
LEA Contact Phone number: 678-787-0770

Date of submittal:

Why do we want this CRI?

1. What school system(s) are partnering with industry to request the CRI? Vestavia Hills City Schools
2. What industry is asking for the CRI? (List multiple if applicable.) Information Technology Industries.
3. What companies within the in industry are requesting this CRI? (Attach letters of request on company letterhead.) The letters are attached for Logic Monitor, TekLinks, and ITAC Solutions Staffing Company
4. What entity, company, or testing agency is the “owner” of the CRI? (Who determines what it takes to earn the CRI?) Provide contact names, numbers, email, websites, or other info for inquiries. Certiport

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   American Fork, UT 84003
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5. Provide any Alabama specific employment data available which directly relates to this CRI.

How does one actually get the CRI?

6. How long does it take for a student to earn this CRI? **20-30 hours preparation time and 50 minutes to take the test.** (Answer in approximate hours of instruction, not school years or terms. Give an average or best estimate.)

7. How does the student earn the CRI? **The student will login to Certiport’s Console 8 Software to take the certification exam.** (Does the student have to take a written exam, log a certain number of hours, complete a skills demonstration, some combination of these, etc?)

8. Is there a minimum age requirement for gaining the CRI? **No**

9. Are students required to be graduates before earning the CRI? **No**

10. Are there minimum pre-requisite course requirements for earning the CRI? **No**

11. What equipment is required to train for this CRI? **The only requirement is for the school to be a certified Certiport testing site and a computer.** (Only list items which are different than what would be found on the standard equipment list for the program.)

12. Does the earning of the CRI require the student to have computer access for the testing? **Yes**

How much does it cost and what resources are required?

13. What is the cost of the exam for earning this CRI? **$124.00 education pricing is around $70**

14. Is there a practice test available from the CRI issuer or from other parties? **Yes**
   a. If yes, does the practice test have a cost in addition to the actual exam and if so, how much? **GMetrix has practice exams site license is around $1200**
   b. Can rights to the practice material be purchased once or is there a recurring fee? **Recurring fee**

15. Who can administer the exam? **Certiport proctors (teachers, administrators, media specialist)**
   (Some CRIs prohibit the person who trained the student from administering the exam.)

16. Is special certification or licensure required for a teacher to administer the CRI? **No**
   a. If yes, what is the cost for gaining the appropriate licensure?
   b. Is this a one-time or recurring fee?

17. Is site, facility, or equipment certification required for administering the CRI? **No**
   a. If yes, what costs are included?
   b. Is this a one-time or recurring fee?
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To Mrs. Morrison:  

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These certification tests validate the skills and knowledge necessary to become an employee of my company. I would appreciate if these credentials were added to the Alabama Career Readiness Indicator list for high school students enrolled in Information Technology programs.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  

David Powell  
General Manager, Service Provider Business Unit  
Board Member, Vestavia Hills City Schools  
Board Member, TechBirmingham
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Stacey Carney
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