

# Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) Fact Sheet

<b>Certifying Organization</b>	Certiport, Inc., A Pearson Vue Business <a href="http://www.certiport.com">http://www.certiport.com</a>
<b>Description of Credentials</b>	<p><b><u>For A-F CCRI 2019-2020 School Year ONLY:</u></b></p> <p><b>Any <u>one</u> of the Adobe Certified Associate Specialist Certifications (ACA):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACA Visual effects &amp; motion graphics using Adobe After Effects</li> <li>• ACA Multiplatform animation using Adobe Animate CC</li> <li>• ACA Web authoring using Adobe Dreamweaver</li> <li>• ACA Interactive media using Adobe Flash Professional</li> <li>• ACA Graphic design &amp; illustration using Adobe Illustrator</li> <li>• ACA Print &amp; digital media publication using Adobe InDesign</li> <li>• ACA Visual design using Photoshop</li> <li>• ACA Digital video using Adobe Premiere Pro</li> </ul> <p><b><u>For Arizona Incentive Fund 2019-2020 School Year and beyond:</u></b></p> <p><b>Any <u>one</u> of the three Adobe Certified Associate Specialist Credentials (ACA):</b></p> <p><u>Adobe Certified Associate Video Design Specialist with the following required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Effects &amp; Motion Graphics Using Adobe After Effects</li> <li>• Digital Video Using Adobe Premiere Pro</li> <li>• Visual Communication Using Adobe Photoshop</li> </ul> <p><u>Adobe Certified Associate Visual Design Specialist with the following required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graphic Design &amp; Illustration Using Adobe Illustrator</li> <li>• Print &amp; Digital Media Publication Using Adobe InDesign</li> <li>• Visual Communication Using Adobe Photoshop</li> </ul> <p><u>Adobe Certified Associate Web Design Specialist with the following required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive Media Using Adobe Animate</li> <li>• Web Authoring Using Adobe Dreamweaver</li> <li>• Visual Communication Using Adobe Photoshop</li> </ul> <p>The Adobe Certified Associate Specialist (ACA) credential applies to the following Arizona Department of Education, Career and Technical Education programs of study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACA in Rich Media Using Adobe Animate</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Digital Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACA in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop</li> <li>○ ACA in Print &amp; Digital Publication Using Adobe InDesign</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Digital Photography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACA in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Digital Printing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACA in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop</li> <li>○ ACA in Graphic Design &amp; Illustration Using Adobe Illustrator</li> <li>○ ACA in Print &amp; Digital Publication Using Adobe InDesign</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Film and TV Production <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACA in Digital Video Using Adobe Premiere Pro</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Graphic and Web Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACA in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop</li> <li>○ ACA in Graphic Design &amp; Illustration Using Adobe Illustrator</li> <li>○ ACA in Print &amp; Digital Publication Using Adobe InDesign</li> <li>○ ACA in Web Authoring Using Adobe Dreamweaver</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p>The workplace demand for digital media skills—creating, managing, integrating, and communicating information using Adobe’s video, graphic, web, illustration, and design software—is on the rise.</p> <p>The Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) certification program validates valuable digital communication skills while providing credentials that demonstrate real-world prowess to prospective employers and academic institutions.</p> <p>ACA credentialed individuals are in high demand in many industries. Among these include, print production, web design, video production, animation, manufacturing design, advertising, consulting, and more.</p> <p>Upon completion of training and certification, students can pursue post-secondary education opportunities and/or occupational experience, including technical school, community college, university, military, apprenticeships, internships, and traditional and entrepreneurial employment in a limitless range of industries.</p> <p>Further, students wishing to broaden their expertise can study for and attain one or more Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) credentials.</p> <p>By earning an Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) credential, students have validated entry level skills with Adobe software, and are prepared to enter a career using the applications in which they certified. Students who demonstrate mastery of digital media skills by attaining an Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) credential will stand out from the crowd when applying for entry-level positions.</p> <p>Additional information regarding the ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) credential and ACA exams can be accessed here: <a href="https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/Adobe/ACA/Overview">https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/Adobe/ACA/Overview</a></p>
<b>Entry-Level Annual Salary</b>	\$18,000 - \$46,000
<b>CTE Program Alignment</b>	Animation, Digital Communication, Digital Photography, Digital Printing, Film and TV Production, Graphic Design
<b>Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students</b>	
<b>Standards / Curriculum</b>	<p>Students who successfully complete an Arizona Department of Education, Career and Technical Education-approved Program of Study in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animation</li> <li>• Digital Communication</li> <li>• Digital Photography</li> <li>• Digital Printing</li> <li>• Film and TV Production</li> <li>• Graphic Design</li> </ul> <p>which includes a coherent sequence of instruction that addresses all of the industry-validated technical standards for the program will be prepared to attain an Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) credential.</p> <p>Objective domains for the Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) credentials can be found here: <a href="https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Educator-resources/Exam-details/Objective-domains">https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Educator-resources/Exam-details/Objective-domains</a></p> <p>Certiport provides extensive instructional resources on the content covered in each Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) certification. Information regarding each certification, can be</p>



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	<p>found here: <a href="https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/Adobe/ACA/Overview">https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/Adobe/ACA/Overview</a></p> <p>There are myriad opportunities through which students can receive additional training to prepare for the Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) exams, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-curricular Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) lessons and activities</li> <li>• Online training and instruction Websites, such as Lynda.com and others</li> <li>• Supplemental textbooks, videos, and podcasts</li> </ul> <p>Certiport offers e-Courses for student training and instruction leading to certification, as an alternative to face-to-face instruction at school sites.</p> <p>Further, Adobe Systems Incorporated and Certiport offer an array of ACA-specific supplemental curriculum and training materials, including: ACA Test Prep Courseware, LearnKey Video Training, GMetrix Practice tests, Logical Operations Courseware, and Pearson Courseware.</p>					
<b>Testing Methodology</b>	<b>Paper?</b>	No	<b>Online</b>	Yes	<b>Performance Exams / Tests?</b>	Yes, the Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) exam is performance-based.
<b>Re-Testing (if available)</b>	<b>Re-Testing Procedures</b>	Students wishing to retake an ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) exam must wait a minimum of seven days before retaking the exam.			<b>Max Attempts</b>	There is no annual limit regarding the number of attempts a student can take on a given ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) exam.
<b>Testing Details – Including Age Requirements &amp; Accommodations</b>	<p>ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) exams are performance-based and designed to measure professional competency in the real-world use and application of Adobe Creative Cloud software.</p> <p>ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) exams are administered at Certiport <u>Authorized Testing Centers</u>. Schools can become a Certiport Authorized Testing Center via a contract with Certiport.</p> <p>Students must be 13 years old or older to take an ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) Exam.</p> <p>Educators seeking student accommodations must email their request to <a href="mailto:accommodations@certiport.com">accommodations@certiport.com</a>.</p>					
<b>Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers</b>						
<b>Instructor Certification Requirements</b>	There are no instructor certification requirements for the ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) credential.					
<b>Proctoring / Test Security</b>	Certiport's exam policies, proctoring procedures, and security information can be found here: <a href="https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Educator-resources/Exam-policies/Administration">https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Educator-resources/Exam-policies/Administration</a>					
<b>Certification Tracking</b>						
<b>Credentialing Documentation</b>	Certiport maintains all ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) testing and credential documentation.					



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<b>Certification Tracking System</b>	<b>Online Tracking System?</b>	Yes	<b>Details</b>	<p>Students create their own Certiport account and use that account to track information regarding their ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) certification(s) as well as information related to any and all other certifications offered by Certiport.</p> <p>Students can print out copies of their certifications or have hard copies of the certifications mailed to them.</p> <p>Teachers can track certification results using the voucher numbers used for the student exams. Schools cannot track the results of students who take their ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) exam at a public testing center, without the cooperation of the student.</p>
<b>Other Details</b>	<b>Expiration Timeline?</b>	ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) credentials are valid for three years from the date of completion. To keep their ACA credentials current and active, students must pass the latest version of the appropriate ACA exam prior to the expiration of their credential.		
<b>Certification Costs / Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Cost Details</b>	Certiport provides schools and individuals many options for paying for their ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) credential exams. The MSRP for each exam is \$95. Volume discounts are available to academic institutions.			
<b>Re-Test / Refund Policies</b>	<p>Students wishing to retake an ACA (Adobe Certified Associate) exam must wait a minimum of seven days before retaking the exam.</p> <p>Refunds are not given for failed exams.</p>			
<b>For More Information</b>				
<b>Certifying Agency Contact Information</b>	<p>Certiport, Inc., A Pearson Vue Business          Amie Bigelow, Territory Manager          Direct Line: (801) 847-3118          Toll Free: (888) 222-7890 x118          Amie.Bigelow@Pearson.com</p>			