

GRA Pan European Regional Support vITA

VMware IT Academy Program
VCA certifications

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VCA certifications within vITA

- Ensure your academy is a registered VMware IT Academy
- Link to a Regional vITA Support Academy
- Read the guidelines and follow steps

VMware Role-Based Certification

		Cloud			Data Center Virtualization		End User Computing		Network Virtualization
		Engineer & Administrator	Architect	Governance & Operations	Engineer & Administrator	Architect	Engineer & Administrator	Architect	Engineer & Administrator
Progression	Expert	VCDX - Cloud			VCDX - Data Center Virtualization		VCDX - Desktop		
	Advanced Professional	VCAP - Cloud Infrastructure Administration	VCAP - Cloud Infrastructure Design	VCAP - Cloud Governance	VCAP - Data Center Administration	VCAP - Data Center Design	VCAP - Desktop Administration	VCAP - Desktop Design	
	Professional	VCP - Cloud			VCP5 - Data Center Virtualization		VCP - Desktop		
	Associate	VCA - Cloud			VCA - Data Center Virtualization		VCA - Workforce Mobility		VCA - Network Virtualization

VCA Program Goals

- As a VCA, you can:
 - **Demonstrate knowledge** of virtualization products, capabilities, trends and best practices
 - **Have credibility** in discussions with potential employers
 - **Prove your understanding** of the business challenges virtualization can address
 - **Identify business needs** and map those drivers to products from VMware
 - **Propose VMware solutions** that suit the business
- **Not a replacement for VCP!**
 - **Good introduction to technologies for transition preparation**
 - e.g. first step for Cloud, Workforce Mobility, Network Virtualization
 - **A springboard to VCP, VCAP, VCDX**
 - **Low-cost way to explore possibilities**
 - **Tool to help make intelligent choices about learning paths**

Training for VCA Certification

- **Free** 2.5 and 3 hour elearning online course available
 - English and Japanese now
 - French, German and Spanish language modules will be live in October at VMworld Barcelona
- **Self-study at your convenience**
- **Module-based with topic reviews, text notes and quizzes.**
Focus on:
 - Products and technologies
 - Capabilities and use-cases
 - Trends and best practices
- **No prerequisite courses required**
- **VCA not a prerequisite for ICMs or VCPs**
- **Streamline ICMs, e.g. vSphere ICM will have VCA-DCV material removed**

VCA Exams – On Demand, Online

- Online through Pearson VUE – no test center required.
- **Test when and where you want, at your convenience**
- Exam is open book
- 50 question multiple-choice of the format:
 - Select one correct answer
 - Select two of the following
- 75 minutes to complete
- Checking facility:
 - Allows candidate to review questions
 - Highlights if only one answer given when two required
- Immediate result given /500. Pass mark is 300
- Exam tests information in eLearning **but also extended knowledge.**
- Use additional resources listed in the exam blueprint and other people!

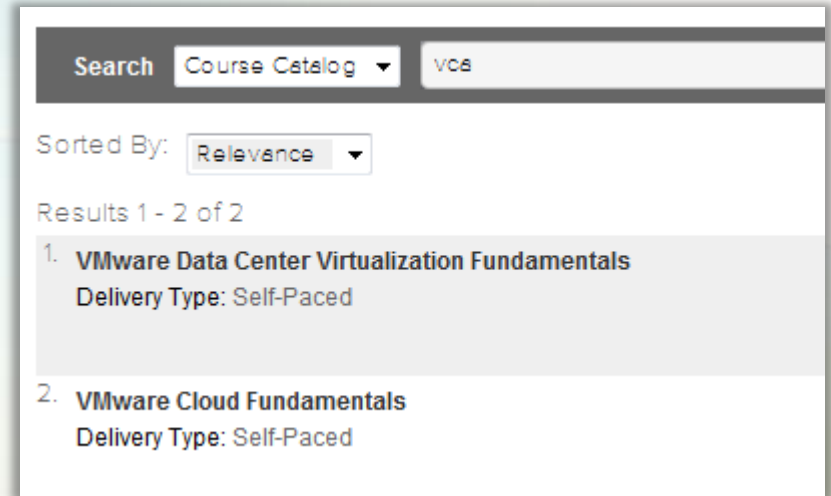
VCA exam is free!

50% promotion *for all* running until end of December 2013

100% voucher for Academy program until end Apr 2014

VCA Certification Process – The Training

- Go to www.vmware.com/education :
- Go to **Trending Now > Top Free**
- Search **vca** for DCV and Cloud.



- Search **workforce mobility** View-based elearning
- **Register for the elearning course in MyLearn**
 - Registration expires after 4 months
- **Take course when and where you want - at your convenience**
- Course is **not** a pre-requisite for VCA exam

Before You Take the Exam - Additional Resources

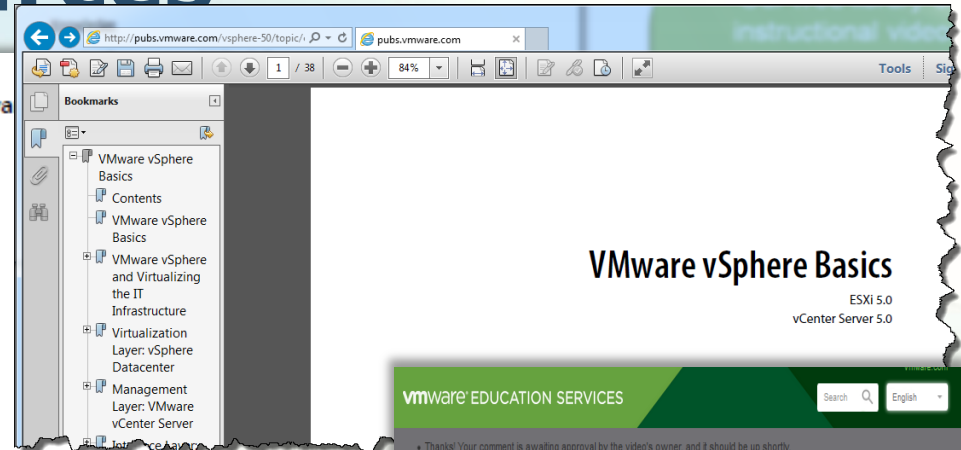
Objective 1.2 – Identify Common Business Challenges Addressed By VMware

Knowledge

- Identify common availability challenges
- Identify common management challenges
- Identify common scalability challenges
- Identify common optimization challenges

Tools

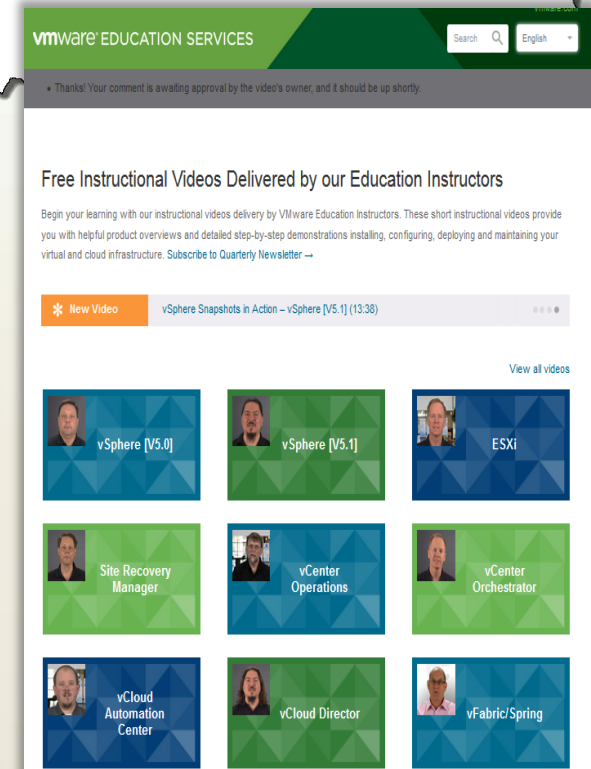
- [VMware vSphere Basics guide](#)
- [The Business Value of Virtualization](#)
- [Business and Financial Benefits of Virtualization](#)



- Access documentation from the exam blueprint:

- Use our free library of instructional videos to help you prepare:

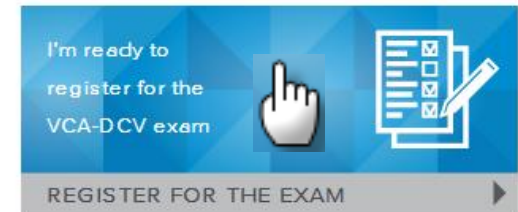
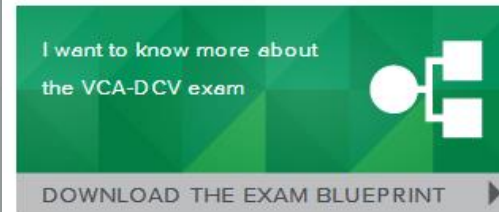
- <http://vmwarelearning.com/>



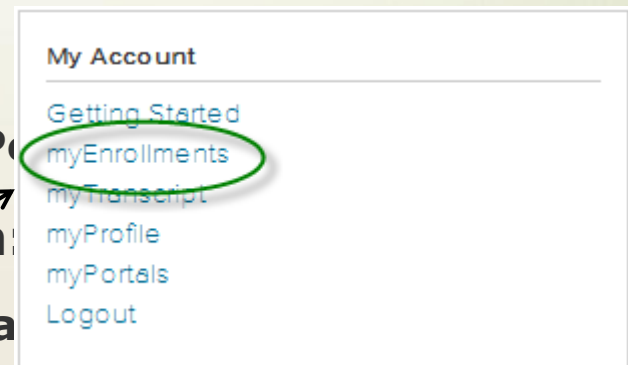
VCA Certification Process – The Exam

- From Certification page, click through to [create account and] register in MyLearn

VMware Certified Associate - Data Center Virtualization (VCA-DCV)



- **Receive VMware authorization with unique candidate ID**
- **Create Pearson Vue account with candidate ID, supply name and address**
- **Authorized exams are displayed:**
 - Schedule (2-day slot) and complete exam in Pearson Vue
- **Receive confirmation email from MyLearn:**
 - Follow instructions to 'manage plan' in MyLearn
- **Certificate is posted to the address given in Pearson Vue, MyLearn transcript is updated.**



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Register as a VMware IT Academy

- <http://labs.vmware.com/vita-agreements>

100% vouchers available from mid October await further details.

Course Guides:

- <http://mylearn.vmware.com/portals/certification/?ui=www>