**Certiport Launches Program for Certified Instructors of 2007 Office**

New Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Instructor program will create a base of knowledgeable experts for organizations migrating to the new suite

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Certiport announced today the availability of the Microsoft® Certified Application Specialist Instructor program, the official certification for instructors who have demonstrated mastery of the 2007 Microsoft Office system of business productivity programs. Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Instructors can act as resources for organizations that want to transition to the 2007 Microsoft Office programs.

“Because Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Instructors have certified in 2007 Microsoft Office, they are in the best position to provide the employee training businesses need to successfully migrate to the latest version of Microsoft Office,” said Robert Leavengood, product manager for Microsoft Learning. “They have the ability to teach others what they have learned and can even help them prepare for their own certification exams.”

To confirm that they have the hands-on ability to use the 2007 Microsoft Office programs, Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Instructors are required to earn the latest certifications in Microsoft Office Word 2007, Office Excel® 2007, Office PowerPoint® 2007, Office Outlook® 2007, and Windows Vista®. In addition, to qualify for the new certification, these instructors must satisfy an instructional experience requirement, which includes having a teaching degree, training degree, or certified experience providing Microsoft Office training or other software training.

By extending the benefits of certification to their students, Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Instructors provide an important role in career and educational development.

Currently, more than 23,000 teaching professionals around the world have Microsoft Master Instructor certification, the instructor-level credential for Microsoft Office Specialist certification. Certiport expects most of these instructors will advance to the Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Instructor program as they certify in 2007 the Microsoft Office system programs.

To learn more about the program, go to [www.certiport.com/instructor](http://www.certiport.com/instructor).

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