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Free Microsoft Certification Exams Now Available for Ripon Residents!

The Ripon Public Library is excited to announce a new partnership with the **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Future-Ready Wisconsin**. This is an initiative under the **DPI Information Technology Education (ITE) grant** that provides **FREE Microsoft certification exams** for residents in Wisconsin. This opportunity is designed to help residents earn industry-recognized, high demand credentials that strengthen career readiness and open doors to new employment pathways.

Under this program, **exam fees are fully covered** by the DPI ITE grant. Exams can be delivered securely and remotely through **Certiport Exams at Home**, allowing participants to test from any location with a **reliable internet connection, a quiet dedicated space, and a computer with a working camera**. Remote proctoring ensures compliance with Certiport identity verification and exam integrity, which are trusted and widely recognized by employers.

Why it Matters

Microsoft certifications validate practical, job-ready skills in areas such as business applications and productivity tools, IT networking and computer science. These credentials are valued by employers across education (offering college credit), government, technology, and all business sectors, making them a powerful addition to résumés and professional portfolios.

How to Schedule Your FREE Microsoft Certification Exam

1. **Register through the DPI Program Website** — visit the library's registration page at: <https://www.itedgrantwisconsin.com/>
2. Follow the registration form prompts to:
 - **Select your exam** — choose from a menu of Microsoft certification offerings; and
 - **Confirm your appointment.**
3. Thereafter, you will receive an **email with your confirmed appointment details and instructions to prepare** for your certification exam session.
4. **Prepare your testing environment** — ensure a quiet space, stable internet, and a functioning camera.

*Future-Ready Wisconsin:
Advancing Digital Talent Through Workforce-Aligned Learning Ecosystems*



FAQ

1. What Microsoft certification exams can I take for free?

You can take any of the following types of in-demand Microsoft certification exams.

- Microsoft Office Specialist (2019 & 365 Apps), including Word and Excel
- Microsoft Fundamentals, including domains areas such as cloud computing, cybersecurity and data analytics
- Microsoft Certified Educator

2. How secure are remotely proctored exams?

Exams are monitored live and recorded to protect exam integrity via Certiport security compliance. Identity verification ensures results are valid and recognized.

3. What identification is required to take my exam?

A current government issued photo ID matching your registration name.

4. How can I verify my identification when my exam is remote?

Test takers will need to show their official government issued ID to the live proctor via their computer camera.

5. Can I reschedule my exam?

Yes, but availability depends on proctor scheduling.

6. What if I experience technical issues during my exam?

There is a chat feature to report technical issues to a live proctor. Follow the proctor's instructions for guidance.

Need More Information?

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