Students may challenge Introduction to Computers (CAP 101) by taking and passing the three Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC³) Tests: Computing Fundamentals, Living Online, and Key Applications.

Each of the three individual tests costs $35.00 ($105.00 for the series). Unlimited retakes are available at $35.00 for each exam. You must pay for the tests at the Cashier in the College Services Building or by calling 360-752-8311; at the Campus Store; or Campus Store Online before taking the IC³.

The IC³ Practice Test is available for $10.00, payable at the BTC Cashier, Campus Store or Campus Store Online, and is highly recommended before taking the IC³ Challenge Test. One practice test is allowed per student. The BTC Library also has study aids; call 360-752-8383 for details.

Follow these easy steps to complete the IC³ Challenge Process:

1. Pay for the test at the Cashier in College Services or by calling 360-752-8311; at the Campus Store or at the Campus Store Online. Proof of payment required at time of testing.

2. Go to H4 during walk-in test times. Be sure to arrive 2.5 hours before closing for time to finish all tests. Walk-in testing is Mondays 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Tuesdays through Fridays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

3. Pass all IC³ tests with a minimum score of 650 on Computing Fundamentals, 620 on Living Online and a 720 on Key Applications (2013 test).

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IC³ COMPUTING FUNDAMENTALS

Computer Hardware:
- Identify types of computers, how they process information and how individual computers interact with other computing systems and devices
- Identify the function of computer hardware components
- Identify the factors that go into an individual or organizational decision on how to purchase computer equipment
- Identify how to maintain computer equipment and solve common problems relating to computer hardware

Computer Software:
- Identify how software and hardware work together to perform computing tasks and how software is developed and upgraded
- Identify different types of software, general concepts relating to software categories, and the tasks to which each type of software is most suited or not suited
- Identify fundamental concepts relating to database applications

Using an Operating System:
- Identify what an operating system is and how it works, and solve common problems related to operating systems
- Manipulate and control the Windows desktop, files and disks
- Identify how to change system settings, install and remove software

IC³ KEY APPLICATIONS

Common Program Functions:
- Be able to start and exit a Windows application and utilize sources of online help
- Identify common on-screen elements of Windows applications, change application settings and manage files within an application
- Perform common editing and formatting functions
- Perform common printing functions

Word Processing Functions:
- Be able to format text and documents including the ability to use automatic formatting tools
- Be able to insert, edit and format tables in a document

Spreadsheet Functions:
- Be able to modify worksheet data and structure and format data in a worksheet
- Be able to sort data, manipulate data using formulas and functions and add and modify charts in a worksheet

Presentation Software:
- Be able to create and format simple presentations

IC³ LIVING ONLINE

Networks and the Internet:
- Identify network fundamentals and the benefits and risks of network computing
- Identify the relationship between computer networks, other communications networks (like the telephone network) and the Internet

Electronic Mail:
- Identify how electronic mail works
- Identify how to use an electronic mail application
- Identify the appropriate use of e-mail and e-mail related "netiquette"

Using the Internet:
- Identify different types of information sources on the Internet
- Be able to use a Web browsing application
- Be able to search the Internet for information

The Impact of Computing and the Internet on Society:
- Identify how computers are used in different areas of work, school, and home
- Identify the risks of using computer hardware and software
- Identify how to use the Internet safely, legally, and responsibly

Individuals seeking IC³ certification are required to take and pass all three IC³ exams: Computing Fundamentals, Key Applications, and Living Online

To learn more about the IC³ Exams visit the Certiport web site at www.certiport.com