

IT Essentials I: PC Hardware and Software – Aligned to CompTIA A+ Certification

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A⁺ certification is a CompTIA-sponsored testing program that certifies the competency of entry-level computer service technicians. There are two different A⁺[®] exams which lead to certification. One exam focuses on Core Hardware and the other on OS Technologies. These tests cover a broad range of technologies but are not vendor-specific.

A+ certification signifies that the certified individual possesses the knowledge and skills essential for a successful entry-level computer service technician.

The A+ test is available globally in a variety of languages (English, Spanish, German, and Japanese) through testing centers, which are listed on the CompTIA Website at <http://www.CompTIA.org>.

The Cisco Networking Academy's *IT Essentials I: PC Hardware and Software* course helps to prepare students to take both of the exams necessary for this certification.