

MyLab IT: Preparing Students for Certification

Did you know that having a Microsoft Office Specialist certification can earn an entry-level employee as much as \$16,000 more in annual salary compared to an uncertified candidate? MyLab IT keeps students ahead of the game. It's designed to help students become sharp critical thinkers and proficient Microsoft office users, so they can ace their Microsoft Office Specialist exams. No matter which career path a student follows, Microsoft Office skills gives students a leg up in the hiring process and unlock new opportunities.

My name is Jeffrey. I'm a senior at San Francisco State University, and my major is finance and decision science. I graduate in fall 2019, and when I graduate, I hope to get a job in financial analytics or data analytics. Before college, I wasn't familiar with Microsoft office. I only knew how to use Word and Excel with simple functions like subtract and add. Once I got into college, I took my information systems class, and MyLab IT taught me a lot about the programs, how I use it in real life, and it made me feel a lot more comfortable with the programs.

I also was an accounting intern. When I was doing the work for my internship, I didn't understand much about Excel, but thanks to MyLab IT, it really made me comfortable and it really impressed my employers, because I knew what I was doing.

I recently took the Excel 2016 MOS Exam. I wanted to challenge myself, and I thought it would be a really good upgrade for my resume. MyLab IT helped me get the perfect score on the MOS Exam, because the training and projects that it provided for me was the same structure as the MOS Exam. For anybody who wants to take the MOS exam, I would definitely recommend MyLab IT, because it offers simulation training where it guided me through the Excel functions that I didn't know how to do, and it also offered grader projects where it challenged me to do it by myself.

All my courses are based on Excel. So, with this knowledge, it makes it easier for me to take my classes and for my job search, I would be able to show my employers that I know Excel, which will separate me from different candidates and, hopefully, get an interview.