

## IC<sup>3</sup> Certification Information

Information for Students about Using IC<sup>3</sup> Certification as fulfillment of CIS 101

*How do I find information about the test, prepare for it, and arrange to take it?*

After the CIS 101 screening test, if you want to fulfill your CIS 101 general education requirement through certification, you should make arrangements to take the 3 exams that make up the IC<sup>3</sup> test. Visit <http://www.certiport.com> for complete details. At this site, you can get exam objectives and take sample tests. Also, searching for “IC<sup>3</sup> Objectives” at google.com may results in some additional helpful links. You can also purchase exam vouchers at the Certiport site; these can be redeemed at any Certiport testing center, including Prince George’s Community College. Follow the *Shop Certiport, Vouchers* links. The cost is currently \$33 for each of the three tests. You must pass all 3 to become certified. After a location and hours for testing are established for a semester, you may find them at <http://academic.pgcc.edu/~ssullivan>.

*How can I get free vouchers for the test?*

During Spring Semester, 2008, the CIS Department will offer some free exam vouchers while the supply lasts. You must buy the first voucher yourself, but if you pass the first test, you can get a free voucher for the second test (if they are still available); the same policy will apply if you pass the second test—you can get a free voucher for the third.

*Do I need 2003 Standard or 2005 Standard Certification?*

Because the CIS Department wants students’ certifications to be as current as possible, we will be testing using the 2005, rather than the 2003 standard. A key difference is that the Key Applications section of this test includes some basic performance tasks in PowerPoint, in addition to Word and Excel. It’s important when you take the tests to ensure that the 2005 test is selected for each component. You perform simulated tasks in the software, which will look like the 2003 version of the software packages.