
Unofficial Claude Certification Roadmap

All four Anthropic exams · a suggested order · logistics

4 EXAMS

120 MIN EACH

PASS 720/1000

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Sources: Anthropic documentation (docs.claude.com) and the official Pearson VUE Anthropic certification program pages.

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Production note. This guide was produced with AI assistance. The companion study guides' practice questions are original and are not derived from any exam sitting.

The roadmap

Four exams, four weeks, one order that makes each one easier than the last — compiled from the official Pearson VUE Anthropic program pages and current Anthropic documentation (August 2026).

PROGRAM-WIDE FACTS

120 min

EVERY EXAM, CLOSED
BOOK

720

PASS ON 100-1000, ALL
FOUR

12 mo

CREDLY BADGE
VALIDITY

14•30•90

RETAKE WAITS (DAYS);
MAX 4/YR

OnVUE

ONLINE PROCTORED,
PEARSON

Partner-only

VIA ANTHROPIC
PARTNER ACADEMY

★ BOOK EARLY IF YOU CAN

Partner discounts have applied at times — a 100% discount for Global Premier partners was listed through 31 August 2026, retakes included. Confirm current terms at registration on the official program pages.

The suggested order

WK 1 • CCAR-F

Architect
Foundations
hardest — do it first



WK 2 • CCDV-F

Developer
Foundations
natural follow-on



WK 3 • CCAR-P

Architect
Professional
rewards accumulated
judgement



WK 4 • CCAO-F

Associate
the victory lap

CCAR-F content echoes through both technical exams — front-load it.

Shortcuts: with real generative-AI architecture experience you could go straight to CCAR-P; if you're non-technical, CCAO-F is the only exam aimed at you. A same-day double-header works — a technical exam as warm-up, CCAO-F as cool-down.

The four exams side by side

	CCAR-F	CCDV-F	CCAR-P	CCAO-F
Full name	Claude Certified Architect — Foundations	Claude Certified Developer — Foundations	Claude Certified Architect — Professional	Claude Certified Associate — Foundations
Questions	60	53 across 8 domains	63 across 7 domains	60 across 7 domains
Question types	Multiple choice	Multiple choice	MC + select-2-of-5 + dropdown matching	Multiple choice
List price (Aug 2026)	\$125	\$125	\$175	\$99
Focus	Technical specifics — API params, file paths, CLI flags	Implementation: models, config, API surface	Architectural judgement: patterns, trade-offs, governance	Business-workflow judgement, non-technical personas

How to use the study kit

Each certification has a diagram-rich study guide mapped to the official exam objectives, a 7-day plan at roughly 2 hours a day, and a quiz bank of 36–40 original exam-style questions with explanations.

The rhythm that works: read the domain section, do the hands-on exercise from the plan, then take that domain's quiz questions. On day 6–7, take the full quiz in exam mode — the real exams give you ~2 minutes per question, so simulate the pace once.



BOOKING BAR

Target **85%+ on the quiz bank** before booking. The passing bar is 720/1000 — roughly 72%.

Exam-day checklist (Pearson OnVUE)

Days before

Run the OnVUE system test on the exact machine you'll use. Register via the Partner Academy; confirm current pricing and any discount on the official pages.

Setup

Quiet room, cleared desk, government ID ready, phone out of reach but nearby for check-in photos. No second monitor. Check in 30 minutes early.

During

No guessing penalty: flag hard questions, answer everything, use the review screen. With 120 minutes for ≤ 63 questions, time pressure is low — re-read every "which is the BEST option" question once more.