



Who is ISTE?

[ISTE](#) (International Society for Technology in Education) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire educators to use technology to innovate teaching and learning. For more than 40 years, ISTE has supported the education community in extending their practice through professional learning networks, publications, research journals and the ISTE Standards, a framework for rethinking education and empowering learners.

What is ISTE Certification?

[ISTE Certification](#) is a tool-agnostic, vendor-neutral certification based on the [ISTE Standards for Educators](#). Through a portfolio-based evaluation, it recognizes educators who apply the ISTE Standards in their practice and show competency in using edtech for learning in meaningful and transformative ways.

How does ISTE Certification connect to my program at Fairfield University?

Fairfield University faculty designed the Educational Technology program curriculum to align to the ISTE Standards for Educators. Through select assignments, you will gain applied practice in all 24 indicators of the ISTE Standards. At the end of your program, these collected assignments can serve as artifacts in your portfolio for ISTE Certification.



What are the benefits of being an ISTE Certified Educator?

By earning the certification, ISTE Certified Educators have proven to ISTE, themselves and their colleagues that they are change agents who, through their example, demonstrate a drive for improving practice and a model of lifelong learning.

The community of ISTE Certified Educators is growing and includes a variety of education professionals from around the world--from classroom teachers to superintendents, librarians to higher education faculty. This group of distinguished educators make up a powerful force to transform teaching and learning. Once certified, educators join a private community of ISTE Certified Educators so they can get professional support and learn from other certified educators, share resources and mentor others.

ISTE Certification is valid for three years and ISTE has developed a renewal process that support their efforts to learn, share and mentor. ISTE Certified Educators self select activities of interest based on job-embedded priorities, areas for improvement, or collaboration with other educators. Activities will outline resources, materials and feedback required to to receive points. In three years, ISTE Certified Educators have to earn 300 points to renew their certification.