



SAC Conference Summary

For groups attending, a group summary is preferred.

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Names of Attendee(s): Adam Morgan

Conference Title: Annual Certiport Educator Conference

Conference Date(s): June 17-19, 2019

Conference Sponsoring Organization: Certiport

1. Summary – What can you share with the SAC community about this conference. Provide your takeaways and the impact they will have on student success/equity.

Certiport 2019 covers everything an educator would need to know about industry software certifications can impact the lives and careers of my students. Certiport is the only education conference dedicated exclusively to exploring the full promise of certification in the classroom - by providing administrators, teachers, and industry experts with an engaging, energized forum for sharing ideas and experiences.

Summary - One Full Page: Please describe the benefits to Student Success & Equity that you gained by participating in this event. How will you disseminate/share this information with your SAC colleagues?

Participating in this conference allowed me to connect with other Microsoft Office and Adobe software instructors from all over the country. This allowed me to engage with other professionals who share my passion for using certification to expand my students' potential and change their lives.

Collaboration was also a benefit of attending this conference. I attended several breakout sessions, including The bigger Picture for MOS Certification with Jennifer Stubblefield. She discussed how to get our MOS students to earn their certifications, but also expanded on how they can spread their wings and fly using the certifications in the workplaces. The teachers and industry experts that attended this breakout session expanded my knowledge on how to make certification a more effective tool for our students here at SAC.

I also learned from other instructors by attending a full schedule of breakout sessions and activities. I attended a workshop on Micro-Credentials that explored Coding in Minecraft. Peter Doherty of Belfast Metropolitan College discussed how using Microsoft's very popular Minecraft gaming software within the Classroom Improved engagement. Certiport software works with Microsoft's software to create a hands-on learning environment that leverages the creativity of the students and teachers powerful coding in the process.

Developing an effective MOS program was a key focus of many of the breakout sessions. At the 0 to 500 session with Laurene Klassen of Southern Methodist University, I learned all about growing an MOS program. Ms. Klassen discussed how to familiarize yourself with Certiport resources, prepare our testing lab and proctors, and promote marketing throughout campus by marketing to faculty, staff, and students using Certiport resources, blogs, events, newsletters, and videos.

By attending the breakout sessions listed above, I was able to enhance my teaching skills by learning more about how industry certifications can improve my students job prospects in the future. I know how materials from the conference that I can show to my students that show them exactly what jobs, pay and opportunities they can expect by earning these degrees. I also gained the practical knowledge and deep insights I needed to make a positive difference regarding certification. I learned about how to help my students plan for the future, and I've become a stronger advocate for certification here as SAC. I have now seen the impact certification is having on real students' by hearing their stories and exploring their experiences first-hand. Finally, this conference helped me connect and collaborate with others that teach my subjects from across the country. I have learned from other's successes in keynotes, breakout sessions, and one-on-one conversations.

2. How will you share what you learned in this conference? Check one or more boxes below.

- Debrief with department and/or committee.
- Provide Professional Development workshops.
- Lead a community of practice.
- Provide other post-conference debriefing.

Other, please specify: