

# VMware Certification Roadmap

This is an overview of the sequential training to help you reach your highest level of proficiency with VMware technologies depending on your job roles. It outlines the journey for candidates who are just starting, a VCP2 or VCP3 becoming a VCP5, VCP-DT or VCAP. Review your journey and get started today!



**VMware Certified Professional (VCP)**  
Just starting, VCP2, or VCP3

**VCP3/VCP2/Just Starting to VCP4**  
Required courses  
VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V4.1] OR  
VMware vSphere: Advanced Fast Track [V4.x] OR  
VMware vSphere: Automation Fast Track [V4.1] OR  
VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting [V4.x] OR  
VMware vSphere: Bootcamp [V4.1]

VCP4 Exam

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**VCP3/VCP2/Just Starting to VCP5**  
Required courses  
VMware vSphere: Fast Track [V5.0] or  
VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V5.0] or  
VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale [V5.0]

VCP5 Exam

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**VCP4 to VCP5**  
Required course  
VMware vSphere: What's New [V5.0]

**VMware Certified Advanced Professional - Desktop (VCP-DT)**  
Suits the job role of Desktop Administrator

**VCP4/VCP5 to VCP4-DT**  
Suggested courses  
VMware View: Desktop Fast Track [V4.5]  
VMware View: Install, Configure, Manage [V4.5]  
Application Virtualization with VMware ThinApp  
VMware ThinApp: Fundamentals [V4.5]  
VMware View: Design Best Practices [V4.5]

VCP4-DT Exam

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**VCP5 to VCP5-DT**  
Suggested courses  
VMware View: Install, Configure, Manage [V5.0]  
VMware View: Install, Configure, Manage [V5.1]  
Application Virtualization with VMware ThinApp  
VMware View: Design Best Practices [V5.0]

VCP5-DT Exam

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**VMware Certified Advanced Professional - Datacenter Design (VCAP - DCD)**  
Suits the job role of IT Architect/Designer

**VCP4 to VCAP4-DCD**  
Suggested courses  
VMware vSphere: Design Workshop [V4.x]  
DRBC Design - Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Fundamentals

VCAP4-DCD Exam

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Other job related courses:  
VMware vCloud: Architecting the VMware Cloud [V1.0]  
VMware vCloud: Design Best Practices

**VCP5 to VCAP5-DCD**  
Suggested courses  
VMware vSphere: Design Workshop [V5.x]  
DRBC Design - Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Fundamentals  
Requirements: Achieve VCP5 certification

VCAP5-DCD Exam

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**Upgrade path VCAP4-DCD to VCAP5-DCD**  
Requirements: Achieve VCP5 certification  
*Note: Until August 17, 2012 if you are a current VCAP4-DCD you do not need to achieve VCP5 certification first; you only need to pass the VCAP5-DCD exam to obtain VCAP5-DCD status.*

Other job related courses:  
VMware vCloud: Architecting the VMware Cloud [V1.0]  
VMware vCloud: Design Best Practices

**VMware Certified Advanced Professional - Datacenter Administrator (VCAP - DCA)**  
Suits the job role of System Administrator

**VCP4 to VCAP4-DCA**  
Suggested courses  
VMware vSphere: Advanced Fast Track [V4.x]  
VMware vSphere: Automation Fast Track [V4.1]  
VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting [V4.x]  
VMware vSphere: Manage for Performance [V4.x]  
VMware vSphere: Manage and Design for Security [V4.1]  
VMware vSphere: Automation with vSphere PowerCLI [V4.x]  
VMware vSphere: Manage Availability [V4.x]

VCAP4-DCA Exam

**vmware CERTIFIED ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL 4 DATACENTER ADMINISTRATION**

Other job related courses:  
VMware vCloud : Deploy and Manage the VMware Cloud [V1.5]  
VMware vCenter Site Recovery Manager: Install, Configure, Manage [V5.0]  
VMware vCenter Operations Manager: Analyze and Predict [V5.0]

**Becoming a VMware Certified Design Expert**

Pass the VCAP4-DCA Exam & VCAP4-DCD Exam  
Submit a VCDX4 Application that is accepted  
Successfully present and defend a VMware vSphere based virtual infrastructure design and implementation plan

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