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Evidence of Alignment (Blueprint) Survey

Esteemed member of the CCSIT,

May the peace and blessings of the Almighty Allah be with you, and we hope this finds you in good health.

You are invited to participate in our **Evidence of Alignment (Blueprint)** survey. This survey is designed to let us determine the **level of alignment** (i.e. matching) between our currently offered courses (and labs) in our three main departments (i.e. the **Computer Science, Computer Information Systems**, and the **Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics** departments) and (any) Professional Exams/Certifications, which are currently offered by vendors and organizations and associations worldwide. This survey is an integral part of our assessments and by participating with us, we can aid the college by submitting proposals to update the curriculum with Professional Exams and Certification curriculum offerings.

Our mission is to provide a definitive answer to the following criterion:

“Is there any evidence of alignment between the current curriculum and the Professional Exams and Certifications?” To answer this, we kindly ask of you to attach the supporting documentation (e.g. course syllabi, topics, lab descriptions, etc.) to this survey. This step is very important as it allows us to verify the data against the claims made by every participant.

Before you attempt to answer the questions in this survey, we highly recommend that you take a look at our current “beta” release of the **Professional Exams Handbook (v1.05)**. This document, as the naming suggests, is a work-in-progress, and is expected to be presented to the **President of the University** (as a major college milestone). Please take a look at what is currently listed, in terms of Professional Exams and Certification programs that are related to our courses. If you

believe this version **DOES NOT** include other programs that are worthy, which are relevant to our courses, then we wish that you include them here. Your feedback will allow us to constantly update the handbook with the best of offerings to our faculty, and students alike.

The link to the Professional Exams Handbook is provided here:

<http://bit.ly/CSISHandbook105>

Your participation in this study is highly appreciated, as it is very important to us! We cannot stress this point further.

Your survey responses will be strictly confidential and data from this research will be reported only in the aggregate. Your information will be coded and will remain confidential. If you have questions at any time about the survey or the procedures, you may contact the Professional Certification Alignment (PCA) Committee by the email address, which is specified below:

CCSIT.PCA@iau.edu.sa

IMPORTANT (SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS)

Please note that you need to submit this survey (**once per course/lab**) as this will allow us to track each submission on a case-by-case basis. We promise you that the time to complete this survey is quite short, however the process of going through each course/lab and comparing/matching it with existing Professional Exams is expected to be longer. For instance, if you are teaching **Communication and Network Fundamentals** and the syllabus of this course (or lab notes) shows a level of similarity to the requirements and prerequisites for undertaking the **CCNA Routing and Switching** exam, then you can upload the syllabus, along with a **Matching Breakdown** i.e. a table that lists each theoretical/practical topic along with its matching topic in the exam offering.

Once you complete this part, you will be kindly asked to provide us with the **overall matching estimate** percentage (%) for each course/lab. For instance, you can determine/calculate this metric by, for instance, dividing the number of topics being offered in the exam by the number of lessons/topics in the relevant course, or lab content. Of course you can provide us with your estimate based on other means if you seem them fit, since there is no common strategy that could be applied to this study (as instructed by the initiative administration).

If a course/lab has more than one matching exam, or certification program, then **you are kindly requested to submit this survey once per exam matching**. This will allow us to track each matching faster (for each related course).

Thank you very much for your time and support. Please start with the survey now by clicking on the **Continue** button below.

* IAU Email Address

* Department

- Computer Science (CS)
- Computer Information Systems (CIS)
- Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics (CYS)

* Course Code (e.g. CIS 321) "Please use a space between the character and numeric code."

* Course Delivery Type (e.g. Lecture, or Lab)

- Lecture (Theoretical)
- Lab (Practical)

* Please mention the name of the Professional Exam (PE) you believe that is mostly aligned to the CCSIT course/lab (Please mention any PE you're aware of using its full description along with its abbreviation, as abbreviations alone can be misleading and we might never know what the abbreviations mean). For instance, if you mention **PMP** then please type: "**Project Management Planning (PMP)**."

If however you believe your course/lab shares no similarities with any exam programs, then simply type **Nil**."

* Level of **Overall Alignment** (Matching %) of Exam/Certification to Course

Course Syllabus (Upload it below) "Needed for matching verification."

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Matching Breakdown e.g. an Excel spreadsheet or Word document, which lists each theoretical/practical topic along with its matching topic in the exam offering (Upload it below)

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Do you have any recommendations for motivating more students to take the Professional Exam or Certification Program, which is nominated in this survey entry? (Optional)

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