AI and Machine Learning in Microsoft Azure Advanced Specialization

Program Overview and Requirements

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Showcase your validated capabilities enabling customer adoption of AI and implementing Azure solutions for AI-powered apps and machine learning life cycles with the AI and Machine Learning in Microsoft Azure advanced specialization.

As the speed of business accelerates, organizations of every type and size are looking for ways to streamline processes and deliver simpler, faster, and smarter resources to help them keep up. Help your customers automate processes, gain deeper business insights, and deploy intelligent agents.

Partners who earn an advanced specialization will get a customer-facing label displayed on their business profile page and be prioritized in customer searches in the Microsoft Solution Provider Finder. Learn more about advanced specializations

What are the requirements?

Eligible partners must meet the highest standards for service delivery and support. All requirements will be verified by Microsoft and/or a third-party vendor, either automatically or by manual review, and are subject to change.

Requirements	Details
Competency	Your company must have an active Gold Cloud Platform competency.
Performance	$2,000 monthly average USD Al Azure consumed revenue (ACR) from the last three (3) months aggregated from three (3) or more customers. Learn more about Azure ACR ACR can be achieved through Digital Partner of Record, Partner Admin Link, and Cloud Solution Provider. *Government subscriptions (i.e. Fairfax) are not eligible for ACR via PAL association.*
Knowledge	Your company must have at least three (3) individuals who have passed the following certifications (each certification listed below must be held by at least one (1) individual): • Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Scientist Associate - Learn | Microsoft Docs • Microsoft Certified: Azure Al Engineer Associate - Learn | Microsoft Docs
Audit	Your company must pass a third-party audit. View the AI and ML audit checklist.

Additional Audit Preparation Resources

ISSI provides extensive, in-depth consulting engagements to help partners prepare for Azure advanced specialization audits. Partners work directly with ISSI to schedule this remote session (via online web conference). For more information about this type of in-depth consultant engagement, click here.

Alternately, partners can participate in an optional, one-hour, live overview session provided by ISSI. This Audit Preparation Overview session provides a high-level overview of key aspects of the advanced specialization audit process. The session includes a discussion of the checklist requirements along with best practices to help partnersprepare for the audit. Partners work directly with ISSI to schedule this remote session (via online web conference). For more information about this overview session, click here.

To ensure objectivity, audits are conducted by a different ISSI auditor than the one engaged for consulting. *Please note there is a cost associated with the consulting and audit preparations services. See Payment Terms and Conditions in the audit checklist.*

How do I apply?

Only administrators of an organization's Microsoft partner account can submit an application for the AI and Machine Learning in Microsoft Azure advanced specialization on behalf of the organization. If you have the appropriate role and access, you can apply by signing into Partner Center and navigating to your Partner Center dashboard > Competencies > Advanced Specialization.

*Advanced specializations can be activated in Partner Center only. If you have not yet moved your membership account from Partner Membership Center (PMC) to Partner Center, please sign into PMC and follow the instructions. Once you've moved your account, you can review the requirements and begin working toward earning the advanced specialization.