



Introducing the PreGISP Program

*A Smart Start For Emerging
GIS Professionals*





ABOUT GIS CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE

GISCI provides the Geospatial Community with the only professional GIS certifications: the GISP and GISP-E.



GIS Certification Institute

About GISCI

- The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) is a U.S.-based nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization established in 2002 to support and advance excellence in the geospatial profession.
- GISCI has two internationally recognized certification programs—**GISP® (Certified GIS Professional)** and **GISP-E® (Emerging GIS Professional)**
- GISCI is committed to promoting ethical practices, fostering professional development, and building a strong, connected GIS community.





ABOUT THE PREGISP PROGRAM

GISCI is expanding into the emerging professional space by offering a pathway that helps recent graduates develop the qualifications needed for GISP certification as they begin their careers in the geospatial field.



What is the PreGISP Program?

- Offers an accelerated pathway to becoming a GISP
- Offered as a certification that is exam-only based
- Based on a standardized pre-professional exam based on UCGIS Geospatial Body of Knowledge
- Offered at the end of a student's career in their final GISCT class
- Allows student to add credential to CV



What is the GISP-E Credential?

- Students who successfully pass the exam will be awarded the Emerging GISP credential and may use the GISP-E postnominal after their name.
- The credential will be valid for 3 years from date of award and cannot be renewed
- The exam to become a GISP-E is offered as an online proctored exam during a limited window in April C November of each year



Who is a GISP-E candidate?

- Undergraduate and graduate GIS students (2 or 4 year universities) preparing for the job market
 - Must be within your final semester of education, or within six months of graduation to take the exam
- Career changers entering the geospatial field
- Early career professionals planning long-term growth



Benefits of GISP-E Credential

- Demonstrating knowledge: the GISP-E credential shows commitment to your career and validates your skills and knowledge.
- Enhancing credibility: Credentials can boost your confidence and earn you respect from your peers and clients.
- Career advancement: Credentials can help you meet workplace requirements, get a promotion, or change careers.
- Valuing education and training: Credentialing programs can validate the education and training that students receive and can motivate them to continue to achieve.



Why Become a GISP-E?

The PreGISP Certification isn't just a practice test—it's a **career development milestone**. For students and new professionals, it bridges the gap between academic learning and professional certification.

It helps you **think like a GISP®** before you officially become one.



The PreGISP Exam

Exam Creation, Content, and
Study Resources



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About the Exam

- Derived from the combined the knowledge bases of the UCGIS [GISCT Body of Knowledge](#) and the European [EO4GEO Body of Knowledge](#)
 - 521 knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) identified.
- The **exam** is designed to assess the knowledge you've gained during your education, covering 13 of these knowledge areas
- The exam is proctored online, and costs \$125 per attempt.



PreGISP Exam Blueprint

Concepts	Knowledge Area	Weight
AM15	Analytical Methods	18%
CV07	Cartography & Visualization	10%
CF09	Conceptual Foundations	14%
DM05	Data Modeling	12%
DS07	Design of Systems	6%
GC04	GeoComputation	3%
GD04	Geospatial Data	10%
GS07	GI & Society	3%
IP06	Image Processing	3%
OI05	Organizational Inst. Aspects	7%
PP02	Physical Principles	1%
PS07	Platforms, Sensors	9%
WB06	Web-Based GI	6%



Testing Dates

Next Testing Date: April 20 - 27, 2026

Deadline to Apply: April 6, 2026

Location: Worldwide; proctored online by Pearson VUE

- 1) Submit your exam application online at the GISCI website.
- 2) Pay the application and exam fees.
- 3) After your payment is confirmed, Pearson VUE will send you an email with authorization to schedule your exam. Schedule your specific exam date.

For more information, visit: <https://www.gisci.org/PreGISP>





THANK YOU!



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