



COURSE SYLLABUS

Microsoft Certified: Information Security Administrator Associate

Prepare for exam SC-401 by learning to protect sensitive data in Microsoft 365 with Purview labels, data loss prevention, retention, and insider risk tools.

\$2,395 per person, including the SC-401 exam voucher

22 course hours (on-demand video and labs) plus 2 hours of coaching

On-demand asynchronous training with online support, plus 2 hours of coaching.

Microsoft Certified: Information Security Administrator Associate

Prepare for exam SC-401 by learning to protect sensitive data in Microsoft 365 with Purview labels, data loss prevention, retention, and insider risk tools.

Credential type	Certificate, issued by We Can Code IT
Clock hours	24 (22 course hours plus 2 hours of coaching)
Price	\$2,395 per person, including the SC-401 exam voucher
Time	22 course hours (on-demand video and labs) plus 2 hours of coaching
Delivery	On-demand asynchronous training with online support, plus 2 hours of coaching.
Exam	Exam SC-401: Administering Information Security in Microsoft 365 (Microsoft Certified: Information Security Administrator Associate) (SC-401). This course prepares you for exam SC-401, and one exam attempt voucher is included. Many objectives depend on Microsoft 365 E5 or Purview premium features, so most learners need additional self-study and hands-on practice in a trial tenant beyond the course hours, plus the free Microsoft practice assessment. Passing is not guaranteed. Microsoft is making a minor update to the sensitivity label objectives in October 2026.
Who it is for	This course is for Microsoft 365 administrators, information security administrators, and compliance staff who plan and implement data protection with Microsoft Purview alongside governance, data, and security teams.
Prerequisites	Working familiarity with Microsoft 365 services such as Exchange Online, SharePoint, OneDrive, and Teams; Basic experience with Microsoft Entra and PowerShell; Awareness of the Microsoft Defender portal and Defender for Cloud Apps is helpful
Requirements	A modern web browser for the Microsoft Purview and Defender portals; A time-limited Microsoft 365 E5 trial tenant, or paid Microsoft 365 E5 or Purview premium licensing, for hands-on labs; Windows PowerShell or PowerShell 7 for a few administration tasks

About this course

This course prepares you for exam SC-401, which replaced SC-400 in 2025 for this certification. You work through the three equally weighted skill areas: information protection, data loss prevention and retention, and managing risks, alerts, and activities. Each module includes a lab in a Microsoft 365 trial tenant, including protecting data used by AI services.

What you will be able to do

- You will be able to create sensitive information types and classifiers to find sensitive data across Microsoft 365.
- You will be able to publish sensitivity labels with auto-labeling and message encryption.
- You will be able to build data loss prevention policies, including Endpoint DLP, and tune them from alerts.
- You will be able to configure retention labels and policies and recover retained content.
- You will be able to set up Insider Risk Management and investigate activity with audit and eDiscovery.

Syllabus

Module	Hours
1. Purview orientation and data classification Microsoft Purview portal, Sensitive information types, Trainable classifiers, Data explorer and content explorer. Lab: You create a custom sensitive information type and confirm it finds matching content in a trial tenant.	3.5 h
2. Sensitivity labels, auto-labeling, and message encryption Sensitivity label design, Label policies, Auto-labeling, Microsoft Purview Message Encryption. Lab: You publish a sensitivity label policy, configure auto-labeling for a sensitive data type, and send an encrypted message.	3.5 h
3. Data loss prevention policies and Endpoint DLP DLP policy design, Policy tips and overrides, Endpoint DLP, DLP alerts. Lab: You build a DLP policy that blocks sharing of sensitive data in email and on a device, then test it.	4 h
4. Retention labels, retention policies, and recovery Retention policies, Retention labels, Adaptive scopes, Content recovery. Lab: You apply a retention policy and a retention label, delete a labeled item, and recover it.	3 h
5. Insider Risk Management and Adaptive Protection Insider Risk Management policies, Risk indicators, Adaptive Protection, Case review. Lab: You configure an Insider Risk Management policy and connect it to Adaptive Protection for higher-risk users.	4 h
6. Alerts, audit, eDiscovery, DSPM for AI, and exam readiness Alert management, Audit search, eDiscovery cases, Data Security Posture Management for AI, SC-401 practice assessment review. Lab: You run an audit search and an eDiscovery case, review DSPM for AI findings, and complete the free practice assessment.	4 h
Coaching sessions 2 hours of coaching. One-on-one or small-group coaching, scheduled with your coach.	2 h

Live online or in-person sessions are available for an additional fee. Email admissions@wecancodeit.org for details.

Provider

We Can Code IT, LLC, 26300 Cedar Rd, Suite 1105, Beachwood, OH 44122. Registered with the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, Registration No. 15-03-2064T. Contact: admissions@wecancodeit.org. Syllabus version 2026-10-10.