



**Length:** 35 Hours (5 days)

**Introduction:** This hands-on training course explores installation, configuration, and management of VMware vSphere® 6, which includes VMware ESXi 6 and VMware® vCenter Server 6. This course will give you a solid understanding of how to administer a vSphere infrastructure for an organization of any size. Completion of this course satisfies the prerequisite for taking the vSphere 6 Foundations exam. This course will prepare you for the Foundations exam and put you on the path to obtaining the VCP6-DCV, VCP6-CMA, VCP6-NV, and VCP6-DTM certifications.

**Prerequisites:** In addition to their professional experience, students who attend should have the following technical knowledge:

- System administration experience on Microsoft Windows or Linux operating systems
- Understanding of virtual data concepts compared to those needed for VCA-DCV certification

**Objectives:** Students will learn:

- Software-defined data center
- Deploy an ESXi host and create virtual machines
- vCenter Server architecture
- Deploy a vCenter Server instance or VMware vCenter Server Appliance
- Use vCenter Server to manage an ESXi host
- Configure and manage vSphere infrastructure with VMware vSphere Client and VMware vSphere Web Client
- Configure virtual networks with vSphere standard switches
- Use vCenter Server to manage various types of host storage
- Manage virtual machines, templates, clones, and snapshots
- Create a vApp
- Use the content library
- Migrate virtual machines with VMware vSphere vMotion
- Use VMware vSphere Storage vMotion to migrate virtual machine storage
- Monitor resource usage and manage resource pools
- Use VMware vRealize Operations Manager to identify and solve issues through analytics and alerts
- Manage VMware vSphere High Availability and VMware vSphere Fault Tolerance
- Use VMware vSphere Replication and VMware vSphere Data Protection to replicate virtual machines and perform data recovery
- Use VMware vSphere Distributed Resource Scheduler clusters to improve host scalability
- Use vSphere distributed switches to improve network scalability
- Use VMware vSphere Update Manager to apply patches
- Perform basic troubleshooting of ESXi hosts, virtual machines, and vCenter Server operations



## Course Outline

### I. Software-Defined Data Center

- A. Introduce Components of the Software-Defined Data Center
- B. Where vSphere Fits into the Cloud Architecture
- C. Install and Use vSphere Client
- D. Overview of ESXi

### II. Creating Virtual Machines

- A. Introduce Virtual Machines, Virtual Machine Hardware, and Virtual Machine Files
- B. Create and Work With Virtual Machines

### III. vCenter Server

- A. Introduce the vCenter Server Architecture
- B. Deploy and Configure vCenter Server Appliance
- C. Install and Use vSphere Web Client
- D. Manage vCenter Server Inventory Objects and Licenses
- E. Explain the Benefits of Enhanced vMotion Compatibility

### IV. Configuring and Managing Virtual Networks

- A. Create and Manage Standard Switches
- B. Modify Standard Switch Properties
- C. Configure Virtual Switch Load-Balancing Algorithms
- D. Create, Configure, and Manage vSphere Distributed Switches, Network Connections, and Port Groups

### V. Configuring and Managing Virtual Storage

- A. Introduce Storage Protocols and Storage Device Names
- B. Discuss ESXi with iSCSI, NFS, and Fibre Channel Storage
- C. Create and Manage VMware vSphere VMFS Datastores
- D. Introduce VMware® Virtual SAN

### VI. Virtual Machine Management

- A. Use Templates and Cloning To Deploy Virtual Machines
- B. Modify and Manage Virtual Machines
- C. Perform vSphere vMotion and vSphere Storage vMotion Migrations
- D. Create and Manage Virtual Machine Snapshots
- E. Create a vApp
- F. Introduce the Various Types of Content Libraries and How To Deploy and Use Them

### VII. Resource Management and Monitoring

- A. Introduce Virtual CPU and Memory Concepts
- B. Configure and Manage Resource Pools
- C. Methods for Optimizing CPU And Memory Usage
- D. Use vCenter Server Performance Graphs and Alarms to Monitor Resource Usage
- E. Create and Use Alarms to Report Certain Conditions or Events
- F. Introduce vRealize Operations Manager for Data Center Monitoring and Management

### VIII. vSphere HA and vSphere Fault Tolerance

- A. Explain the vSphere HA Architecture
- B. Configure and Manage a vSphere HA Cluster
- C. Use vSphere HA Advanced Parameters
- D. Introduce vSphere Fault Tolerance
- E. Enable vSphere Fault Tolerance on Virtual Machines
- F. Introduce vSphere® Replication
- G. Use vSphere Data Protection to Back Up and Restore Data

### IX. Host Scalability

- A. Functions of a vSphere DRS Cluster
- B. Configure and Manage a vSphere DRS Cluster
- C. Work with Affinity and Anti-Affinity Rules
- D. Use vSphere HA and vSphere DRS Together



## X. vSphere Update Manager and Host Maintenance

- A. Use vSphere Update Manager to Manage ESXi Patching
- B. Install vSphere Update Manager and the vSphere Update Manager Plug-In
- C. Create Patch Baselines
- D. Use Host Profiles to Manage ESXi Configuration Compliance
- E. Scan and Remediate Hosts

## XI. Installing VMware Components

- A. ESXi Installation
- B. Boot-from-SAN Requirements
- C. Introduce vCenter Server Deployment Options
- D. vCenter Server Hardware, Software, and Database Requirements
- E. Installation of vCenter Server Appliance and a vCenter Server Instance