

Certified AI GRC Professional

Certification

Lead AI Governance with

Confidence

A practical certification for GRC professionals who need to govern, assess, and manage risk in an AI-driven organization.

1. Program Overview

Organizations are adopting generative AI, AI agents, and automated decision systems faster than most GRC programs can govern them. The GSDC Certified AI GRC Professional Certification is designed to close that gap — giving risk, compliance, and audit professionals the practical skills to govern AI systems, assess AI-related risk, and keep pace with a fast-moving regulatory landscape.

This brochure walks through who the certification is for, what it covers, how it's delivered, and what you'll be able to do once you've earned it.

2. Why This Certification, Why Now

Traditional GRC was built for a world of periodic assessments and manual evidence collection. That world is changing quickly:

- **AI adoption is outpacing governance.** Generative AI tools, AI agents, and automated decision systems are being deployed across business functions faster than policies and controls can be updated to cover them.
- **Regulatory frameworks are catching up in real time.** Guidance such as the NIST AI Risk Management Framework (built around Govern, Map, Measure, and Manage) gives organizations a starting structure, but interpreting and applying it requires trained professionals, not just a checklist.
- **AI introduces risk categories GRC teams haven't managed before.** Model drift, hallucinations, explainability gaps, and autonomous agent behavior don't map cleanly onto legacy risk registers.

Example

A financial services firm rolls out an AI-powered underwriting model. Without AI-specific governance training, the risk team can document that the model exists — but can't meaningfully evaluate whether its recommendations are explainable, fair, or compliant with lending regulations. This is the exact capability gap the certification addresses.

The takeaway: organizations don't just need more GRC professionals — they need GRC professionals who understand AI well enough to govern it.

3. Who Should Get Certified

This certification is built for professionals who already sit inside — or are moving into — risk, compliance, and governance functions and now need to extend that expertise to AI systems.

- **Risk managers** who need to incorporate AI-specific risk categories (model risk, drift, bias) into enterprise risk frameworks.
- **Compliance officers** responsible for keeping policies aligned with fast-changing AI regulations.
- **Internal auditors** who need to test and evaluate AI systems and AI-generated outputs as part of standard audit cycles.
- **GRC platform owners** evaluating or implementing AI-enabled GRC tools within their organization.

- **IT risk and security professionals** extending existing risk practices to cover AI/ML systems and infrastructure.
- **Aspiring AI governance leads** building toward a dedicated AI governance or responsible-AI role.

Prerequisites: a working knowledge of core GRC concepts (risk assessment, control testing, compliance monitoring) is recommended. No prior AI or data science background is required — the program is built for GRC professionals, not engineers.

4. What You'll Learn (Core Curriculum)

The curriculum mirrors the way AI risk actually shows up in an organization — starting with governance foundations and moving through to hands-on tool evaluation.

Module 1 — AI Governance Fundamentals

- Core concepts: AI governance vs. traditional IT governance
- Defining roles, ownership, and accountability for AI systems
- Building an AI governance charter and escalation process

Module 2 — AI Risk Management (Mapped to NIST AI RMF)

- Govern: establishing policies, roles, and risk culture for AI
- Map: identifying where and how AI is used across the organization
- Measure: assessing AI system performance, bias, and reliability
- Manage: responding to identified risks and monitoring post-deployment

Example

Using the Measure function, a compliance team runs quarterly checks on a customer-service chatbot to confirm its responses stay within approved policy language — catching model drift before it becomes a compliance incident.

Module 3 — Responsible AI & Ethics

- Fairness, transparency, and explainability principles
- Identifying and mitigating algorithmic bias
- Ethical considerations in automated decision-making

Module 4 — Regulatory Landscape for AI

- Overview of major AI-related regulations and frameworks by region
- Mapping regulatory obligations to internal policies and controls
- Anticipating regulatory change and building adaptable compliance processes

Module 5 — Practical AI GRC Tool Evaluation & Implementation

- Criteria for evaluating AI-enabled GRC platforms (data integration, explainability, human oversight)
- Running a controlled pilot for AI in a GRC process
- Avoiding over-automation and preserving human accountability in high-impact decisions

5. Program Format

- **Delivery mode:** Online, self-paced, with optional live instructor-led sessions.
- **Duration:** Designed to be completed in 4–6 weeks at a moderate weekly pace.
- **Structure:** Five core modules (above), each with short video lessons, case studies, and a module quiz.
- **Assessment:** A final proctored exam combining multiple-choice questions and applied case-study scenarios.
- **Certificate validity:** Three years, with a renewal path via continuing education credits or a refresher assessment.

6. Skills & Outcomes

By the end of the program, certified professionals will be able to:

- Evaluate an AI-enabled GRC platform against explainability, governance, and security criteria
- Build and apply an AI governance framework aligned to NIST's Govern–Map–Measure–Manage structure
- Lead or contribute to AI-specific risk assessments across enterprise, operational, and third-party risk domains
- Identify compliance gaps introduced by generative AI, AI agents, and automated decision systems

- Advise leadership on where human oversight is required in AI-driven decisions

Roles this supports: AI Governance Lead, Senior Risk Analyst, Compliance Manager, GRC Program Manager, Internal Audit Manager, IT Risk & Security Lead.

7. Why GSDC

GSDC's Certified AI GRC Professional Certification is built specifically at the intersection of AI and GRC — not as a general AI course with a compliance module bolted on, or a GRC course with a surface-level AI overview.

- **Purpose-built curriculum:** Every module is designed around real GRC workflows — risk registers, control testing, audit prep — updated for AI-specific risk.
- **Framework-aligned:** Content is structured around recognized frameworks like the NIST AI RMF, so what you learn maps directly to how your organization is likely already thinking about AI risk.
- **Practical, not theoretical:** Case studies and applied scenarios throughout, rather than abstract AI theory.
- **Industry recognition:** A credential that signals to employers and stakeholders that you can govern AI risk, not just discuss it.

8. Pricing & Enrollment

Enrollment is open on a rolling basis, with cohort start dates available monthly for those who prefer the live instructor-led track.

- Self-paced track: pricing and start dates available on enrollment

- Instructor-led track: includes live sessions and cohort discussion, pricing available on enrollment
- Group and corporate enrollment options available for GRC teams certifying multiple members

To enroll or request current pricing, contact the GSDC certification team or visit the certification enrollment page.

9. FAQs

Do I need an AI or data science background to enroll?

No. The program is designed for GRC, risk, and compliance professionals. AI concepts are taught from a governance and risk perspective, not a technical/engineering one.

How much time should I expect to commit each week?

Most learners complete the program in 4–6 weeks at roughly 3–4 hours per week, though the self-paced track allows for a slower or faster pace.

What happens if I don't pass the final exam?

A retake policy is available — candidates can retake the final assessment after a short review period, typically without needing to repeat the full course.

Is the certification recognized internationally?

Yes. The credential is designed to be relevant across industries and regions, particularly for organizations operating under multiple regulatory jurisdictions.

Does this certification replace existing GRC certifications?

No — it's designed to complement existing GRC, risk, or audit credentials by adding an AI-specific governance layer, not replace foundational GRC training.

10. Next Steps

AI is already changing how risk and compliance work gets done. The organizations — and professionals — who adapt early will be the ones setting the standard for how AI is governed, not scrambling to catch up.

CERTIFIED AI GRC PROFESSIONAL

THE AI GOVERNANCE, RISK & COMPLIANCE (AI GRC) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IS GLOBALLY DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN AI GOVERNANCE, RISK MANAGEMENT, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE, AND RESPONSIBLE AI IMPLEMENTATION SKILLS, ENABLING PROFESSIONALS TO ESTABLISH TRUSTWORTHY, SECURE, AND COMPLIANT AI SYSTEMS WHILE ALIGNING INNOVATION WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.



ABOUT GSDC CERTIFICATION



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CREATED BY EXPERTS

GSDC certifications are created and authored by world's leading experts in the field.



LEARNING MATERIALS

Get access to learning materials such as videos, ebooks, templates, and practice exams, which will help you clear the certification exam.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- Prove your knowledge of responsible AI principles including fairness, transparency, explainability, and human oversight in AI systems
- Understand how to design and implement AI security controls, manage adversarial risks, and build trustworthy AI programs across the organization

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