Certification Overview
The Implementation Engineer, VPLEX Specialist certification formally validates your knowledge, skills and expertise in the deployment of VPLEX systems, including installation, configuration, troubleshooting and management. It also validates your understanding of VPLEX architecture, site planning and configuration requirements.

Certification Requirements
To complete the requirements for this certification you must:

1. Achieve one of the following Associate level certifications:
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 1.0
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 2.0
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 3.0
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 4.0

2. Pass the following Specialist exam on or after November 04, 2016:
   - E20-260 VPLEX Specialist Exam for Implementation Engineers

Note: These details reflect certification requirements as of November 04, 2016.

The Proven Professional Program periodically updates certification requirements. *Please check the Proven Professional CertTracker website regularly for the latest information and for other options to meet the Associate level requirement.
Overview
This exam is a qualifying exam for the Specialist - Implementation Engineer, VPLEX (DCS-IE) track.

This exam focuses on the deployment of VPLEX systems; including installation, configuration, troubleshooting, and management. In addition, the exam covers VPLEX architecture, theory of operations, site planning, and configuration requirements.

Dell Technologies provides free practice tests to assess your knowledge in preparation for the exam. Practice tests allow you to become familiar with the topics and question types you will find on the proctored exam. Your results on a practice test offer one indication of how prepared you are for the proctored exam and can highlight topics on which you need to study and train further. A passing score on the practice test does not guarantee a passing score on the certification exam.

Products
Products likely to be referred to on this exam include but are not limited to:

- VPLEX 6.0 Local and Metro
- VNX Arrays
- VMAX Arrays
- SAN Technologies

Exam Topics
Topics likely to be covered on this exam include:

VPLEX Concepts (13%)
- VPLEX terminology and configurations
- VPLEX product hardware and software architecture
- VPLEX application of VS2 and VS6 technology and upgrading from VS2 to VS6
- VPLEX I/O Operations

VPLEX Installation and Setup (23%)
- Site Installation Preparation
- Port Identification and Installation Utilities
- Provision storage to VPLEX back-end ports
- Installing VPLEX using EMC procedures
- Installing VPLEX Witness

VPLEX Storage Provisioning (20%)
- Virtual Volume Provisioning
- Integrating VPLEX into an existing environment and encapsulating storage
- Creating VPLEX Distributed Devices
- Device and extent management on VPLEX devices
Volume Management and Protection (20%)
- Expanding VPLEX devices
- Performing data migration using VPLEX
- Protecting VPLEX with RecoverPoint

VPLEX Monitoring (10%)
- VPLEX events and system reports to an ESRS Gateway
- SNMP data collection
- Setup performance monitors in VPLEX
- Analyze monitoring data in VPLEX

VPLEX Upgrades and Troubleshooting (13%)
- VPLEX Data collection processes
- Basic troubleshooting on various VPLEX elements
- Basic VPLEX maintenance
- Expanding a VPLEX topology

The percentages after each topic above reflects the approximate distribution of the total question set across the exam.

Recommended Training
The following curriculum is recommended for candidates preparing to take this exam.

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