



Vietnamese Internship Program Improves Career Opportunities

This long-term program helps graduates develop practical career skills and experience while meeting a growing demand for networking talent in Vietnam.



“Participating in an internship allows me to apply the principles and theories I’ve developed in the classroom. This practical application creates an easier transition for me from the classroom to the working world.”

Tran Van Phuoc,
Student

Enhanced Skills for Graduates and Partners

As the Cisco® Vietnamese Internship program enters its second year, it continues to provide an innovative and effective strategy to meet a growing demand for local networking talent while helping Cisco Networking Academy® graduates improve their career skills.

Members of the Cisco service provider team collaborated with Networking Academy and local partners to begin recruiting for the latest internship program in October 2009.

The program allows top networking students in the country to gain practical business experience through nine-month internships with Cisco and Cisco partners in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. The internships are considerably longer than similar programs offered by technical institutions in the region.

Interns are chosen after inviting applications at road shows and then given applicants a written exam followed by an interview. Most of the 18 chosen interns came from the Hanoi University of Technology, Ho Chi Minh Polytechnic University and the Posts and Telecommunications Institute of Technology.

The internships began in March 2010, and the interns were placed at Cisco offices and with Cisco Gold partners CT-IN, DTS Communication Technologies, SaoBacDau Technologies Group, and ITC JSC.

“This program creates real added-value for the whole supply chain, and allows the interns to experience the challenges of a working environment,” says Christina Anthony, Cisco area academy manager for Cambodia and Lao People’s Democratic Republic. “It directly supports partners to strengthen their workforce and their businesses,” adds Nga Tran, Cisco area academy manager for Vietnam.

Career Skills and Practical Experience

The participating interns have either excelled in a Cisco CCNA® Exploration course or earned their CCNA certification. After completing the 9-month internship program, they will return to complete their final year of university courses.

In addition to gaining valuable career experience, Anthony, Tran, and their colleagues believe the interns have an opportunity to acquire new skills and complete a variety of challenging projects in collaboration with senior networking engineers.

“The program is also encouraging other universities and partners to get involved in the future,” says Anthony. “We’ve had a lot of positive feedback from industry players, educators, students, and the public.”

The team also notes that the internship program encourages Networking Academy students to study harder in hopes of completing an internship, so in the end, everyone wins.

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