



Frequently Asked Questions: CCNP Version 6.0

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Q. Which courses are part of the new Cisco CCNP® v6.0 curriculum?

A. The Networking Academy **CCNP v6.0** curriculum that aligns with the new Cisco® certification exams consists of three new courses:

- CCNP: Implementing Cisco IP Routing (ROUTE), which replaces Building Scalable Cisco Internetworks (BSCI), is scheduled for release in July 2010
- CCNP: Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks (SWITCH), which replaces Building Cisco Multilayer Switched Networks (BCMSN), is scheduled for release in July 2010
- CCNP: Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks (TSHOOT) is scheduled for release in April 2010

These three new courses will replace the current four CCNP v5.0 courses. Please note that two of the v5.0 courses, Implementing Secure Cisco Wide Area Networks (ISCW) and Optimizing Converged Cisco Networks (ONT), do not have a direct replacement. The content of these courses has either been incorporated into the three new courses, or dropped from the CCNP curriculum.

Q. How is the new CCNP curriculum structured?

A. The new CCNP v6.0 curriculum comprises three semester long, 70-hour courses that align with the three new CCNP certification exams: CCNP ROUTE, CCNP SWITCH, and CCNP TSHOOT. Course components include hands-on lab activities, case studies, chapter quizzes, a final exam, and a skills based assessment. Unlike other Cisco Networking Academy® courses, the CCNP courses will not have the traditional GUI-based curriculum. It is replaced by a Cisco Press textbook.

Q. Why is the online curriculum being replaced by a book?

A. Networking Academy wanted the CCNP curriculum update to coincide with the release of the new certification exams to help ensure that the curriculum is relevant to the needs of students and academies. To optimize development time and resources, we decided to replace the resource- and time-intensive development of online course content with textbooks. This decision allowed us to focus on the development of other course components that are highly valued by the Networking Academy CCNP community.

Q. How will Networking Academy guarantee the alignment of the textbooks with other course components?

A. All course components, including the books, are part of an instructional design that guarantees their consistency and alignment. We are working in close collaboration with Cisco Press to help ensure that the study guides traditionally published by Cisco Press align with the Networking Academy CCNP courses.

Q. What kind of books will be available?

A. Cisco Press will support the Networking Academy CCNP courses with their Foundation Learning series of textbooks. You can order these books through your Pearson sales rep or directly from www.ciscopress.com.

Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks (TSHOOT)

ISBN-10: 1587058766

ISBN-13: 9781587058769

Available April 2010

Implementing Cisco Switched Networks (SWITCH)

ISBN-10: 1587058847

ISBN-13: 9781587058844

Available June 2010

Implementing Cisco IP Routing (ROUTE)

ISBN-10: 1587058820

ISBN-13: 9781587058820

Available June 2010

A suite of Portable Command Guides and other study tools will also be available. For a complete listing of titles visit www.ciscopress.com/ccnp.

Q. Will the books be available in electronic form?

A. Yes, in addition to the printed versions, Cisco Press books will be available in the following electronic formats:

Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks (TSHOOT)

Adobe Reader ISBN: 1587141701

ePub/Kindle ISBN: 158714171x

Sony Reader ISBN: 1587141728

Safari Books Online ISBN: 15877141744

Implementing Cisco Switched Networks (SWITCH)

Adobe Reader ISBN: 1587141647

ePub/Kindle ISBN: 1587141655

Sony Reader ISBN: 1587141663

Safari Books Online ISBN: 158714168x

Implementing Cisco IP Routing (ROUTE)

Adobe Reader ISBN: TBD

ePub/Kindle ISBN: TBD

Sony Reader ISBN: TBD

Safari Books Online ISBN: TBD

Q. What equipment bundles will be required to teach the new CCNP curriculum?

A. Lab equipment topologies are detailed in the CCNP v6.0 Scope and Sequence. Academies should be able to use most of their current equipment.

Q. Will NETLAB support the new CCNP lab activities?

A. Yes. All lab activities are being designed to be remote enabled using NDG's NETLAB.

Q. What are the prerequisites for the new CCNP v6.0 courses?

A. Please refer to the following table. Please note that although no prerequisites are indicated for CCNP Switch, all CCNP courses presume knowledge at the Cisco CCNA® routing and switching level.

CCNP v6.0 Course	Prerequisites
SWITCH	None
ROUTE	None Recommended: SWITCH or BCMSN
TSHOOT	SWITCH or BCMSN –and– ROUTE or BSCI

Q. What type of instructor training will be required to teach the new CCNP 6.0 curriculum?

A. The following table summarizes the training requirements for CCNP v6.0. All instructors will need to complete instructor training to teach CCNP Troubleshoot, regardless of their current training status. Instructors who are currently certified to teach both CCNP: BSCI and CCNP: BCMSN will not require any additional training to teach the CCNP Route and CCNP Switch courses.

Instructor Training Completed	Training Required?		
	ROUTE	SWITCH	TSHOOT
All CCNP	No	No	Yes
BCMSN and BSCI	No	No	Yes
BCMSN only	Yes	No	Yes
BSCI only	No	Yes	Yes
None of the above	Yes	Yes	Yes

Q. Who will offer instructor training?

A. Instructor training will be offered by CCNP CATCs and regional academies (where applicable). More information will be communicated as soon as it is available.

Q. Will instructor training be offered remotely?

A. CATCs and regional academies are strongly encouraged to offer Blended Distance Learning options for CCNP instructor training.

Q. When will the current CCNP v5.0 courses be retired?

A. To facilitate a smooth transition, the CCNP 5.0 curriculum will be available for one year after the release of the new courses. However, all academies are encouraged to migrate to CCNP 6.0 as soon as possible to take advantage of the new curriculum. The end of availability dates are March 2011 for ISCW and OCN, and June 2011 for BSCI and BCMSN.

Q. What revisions have been made to the CCNP certification exams?

A. Separate validation of job-critical troubleshooting skills is now required for certification. The revised CCNP certification requires three 120-minute exams that validate the key competencies of network engineers: ROUTE 642-902, SWITCH 642-813, and TSHOOT 642-832. You can learn more about the new exams on the [Cisco Learning Network](#).

The following table lists the acronyms and numbers of the existing and revised exams, new exams appear in bold type:

Current CCNP Exams	Revised CCNP Exams
Building Scalable Cisco Internetworks (BSCI) #642-901, 90 min. exam	Implementing Cisco IP Routing (ROUTE) #642-902, 120 min. exam Available March 2010
Building Cisco Multilayer Switched Networks (BCMSN) #642-812, 90 min. exam	Implementing Cisco IP Switched Networks (SWITCH) #642-813, 120 min. exam Available March 2010
	Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks (TSHOOT) #642-832, 120 min. exam Available April 2010

Implementing Secure Converged Cisco Wide-Area Networks (ISCW) #642-825, 90 min. exam	No replacement
Optimizing Converged Cisco Networks (ONT) #642-845, 90 min. exam	No replacement

- Q. Until when will Networking Academy students be able to take the current CCNP certification exams?**
- A. The four current CCNP certification exams will be available to the general public through July 31, 2010 and to Networking Academy students using a special voucher through July 31, 2011. More information about how to obtain a special, non-discount voucher to enable students to continue to take the retiring exams will be communicated as soon as it is available.

After July 31, 2011, all Networking Academy candidates for CCNP will **need to pass the Troubleshoot (TSHOOT) certification exam**. Passing scores on the BSCI and BCMSN exams will continue to be accepted as satisfying CCNP certification requirements, even though the exams will no longer be available. Networking Academy exam candidates can mix and match CCNP exam requirements to achieve CCNP certification as shown in the following table:

CCNP Exam Combinations	Combination End Date (if applicable)
BSCI + BCMSN + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
COMP + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
BSCI + SWITCH + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
ROUTE + BCMSN + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
ROUTE + SWITCH + ISCW + ONT	Last day is July 31, 2011
BSCI + BCMSN + TSHOOT	
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BSCI + SWITCH + TSHOOT	
ROUTE + BCMSN + TSHOOT	
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