



New Hampshire Student and Graduate Profile

From interning in his high school information technology (IT) department to working full time as an information systems analyst at Liberty Mutual, Daniel Graichen is pursuing his career goals in the networking industry. After a few short years, he has obtained his Cisco® Certified Network Associate (CCNA®) and A+ certifications and is on his way to completing his studies at New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI) in Concord, New Hampshire.

Initially, Daniel had little interest in computers and technology; however, after spending a high school summer working in an IT department, he decided he wanted to pursue a career in networking. “In high school I worked for a few years under the school district’s network administrator doing anything from building and repairing computers, to running network cables and wiring jacks. By the end of high school, I was very knowledgeable with computers, but did not have a great understanding of networks and how they operated.” After researching schools online, Daniel decided the Cisco Networking Academy® at NHTI would be the perfect place to develop his skills within the networking field. He began his first class in 2006.

“I found the labs and instructors were the most helpful for me in successfully completing the Networking Academy’s CCNA program. It was very rewarding to work with students who had already spent time working in the field. They had great experience to share and it was exciting to learn from them.” In August 2005, Daniel was able to obtain his CCNA certification. “The biggest challenge I had was remembering all of the information covered in the Networking Academy curriculum. It takes me multiple times of reading something to fully understand and remember it. So, it took a great deal of time on my part to study for the chapter tests and the certification exam. However, getting certified and getting a great job has made it well worth it.”

As an information systems analyst at Liberty Mutual, Daniel’s responsibilities include supporting voice and data networks and remote access. He uses the skills learned in the Networking Academy in his daily activities.



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Daniel hopes to obtain his Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCN®P) certification in the near future. “I have continued with the Cisco classes after finishing with my CCNA because I enjoy learning more about networking. I feel the added knowledge will help with my career advancement.” Daniel would ultimately like to move into network administration and network security. For more information on the Cisco Networking Academy at New Hampshire Technical Institute, visit:

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