



# North Carolina Public Schools: Credit/Articulation/Pathways

## Model of Practice: NCPS

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### North Carolina Offers Honors Credit, Articulation, and Seamless Pathways for Students

In 2005, North Carolina Public Schools added Networking Academy coursework to its honors credit list, enabling Networking Academy students who successfully completed CCNA 3–4 to earn weighted grade points based on a 5.0 scale, rather than the standard 4.0 scale.

Citing the rigor of the coursework and preparation for industry certification, this marked the entry of career and technical courses to the honors credit list in North Carolina.

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With the introduction of CCNA Discovery and CCNA Exploration this year, David Barbour, North Carolina Education Consultant working with Career and Technical Education programs and a former Networking Academy instructor, is very excited about new opportunities for students.

Besides being more engaging than the previous curriculum, Barbour says that Networking Academy encourages pathways to post-



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secondary education and careers, and helps meet revised Perkins requirements.

**“Perkins legislation requires valid, secure assessments and industry certification with increases in percentages of students earning certification each year. The CCENT certification and additional security on the final exam meet these requirements.”**

In addition, North Carolina has a statewide articulation agreement between North Carolina high schools and community colleges for up to four college credits for Networking Academy coursework completed in high school.

To learn more about Cisco Networking Academy courses at North Carolina Public Schools, visit: [www.ncpublicschools.org](http://www.ncpublicschools.org)