

CCIE Data Center Certification Program

Introducing the CCIE® Data Center certification program

Technology advances are generating more data than ever before, by enabling new applications and businesses that connect everything—people, devices, machines, and applications. With intent-based networking, data center teams can take advantage of automation to scale and secure their infrastructure. CCIE Data Center certification can open your opportunities to help maximize that potential. Just ask hiring managers: 71% of them say that certifications increase their confidence in an applicant's abilities.¹

We designed the CCIE Data Center certification to help you position yourself as a technical leader in the ever-changing landscape of data center technologies. The certification covers core technology areas and validates your end-to-end lifecycle skills in complex data center technologies, from planning and design to operating and optimizing.

Among the industry's most widely recognized and respected certifications, CCIE tells the world in no uncertain terms that you know what you're talking about. In addition, completing a CCIE certification qualifying exam earns you a Cisco® Specialist certification, so you get recognized for your accomplishments along the way.

¹ 2018 IDC Worldwide IT Employment Model Future of IT Survey.

Benefits

- **Take your place as a technical leader** in the fast-paced world of data center infrastructure
- **Combine your technical expertise with design skills** to position your organization for digital transformation
- **Distinguish yourself as the best of the best** from deploying to operating and optimizing complex data center infrastructures
- **Add data center automation skills** to your areas of expertise
- **Earn a Specialist certification** for passing the qualifying exam
- **Put that CCIE certification badge** on all your social media profiles

Go-live and next steps

- On February 24, 2020, the new CCIE Data Center qualifying exam (350-601 DCCOR) goes live
- On April 27, 2020, the new CCIE Data Center v3.0 lab exam goes live, and anyone who holds the current CCIE Data Center certification will receive the new cert
- That means that between February 24 and April 27, 2020, to earn CCIE Data Center, you pass 350-601 DCCOR and the CCIE Data Center v2.1 lab exam. As of April 27, the CCIE Data Center v3.0 lab exam will replace v2.1

Earning your CCIE Data Center certification

The CCIE Data Center certification program validates your expertise with the latest technologies for today's data center job roles. To earn CCIE Data Center you complete two exams:

- The qualifying exam, **Implementing Cisco Data Center Core Technologies** (350-601 DCCOR), focuses on your knowledge of data center infrastructure including network, compute, storage network, automation, and security. You can prepare for this exam by taking the training course, **Implementing Cisco Data Center Core Technologies** (DCCOR)
- The 8-hour, hands-on lab exam, **CCIE Data Center v3.0**, covers the end-to-end lifecycle of complex data center infrastructure from designing and deploying to operating and optimizing

To achieve CCIE certification, you must take and pass your lab exam within 3 years of passing your core exam.

Industry recognition and real-world know-how

CCIE certification distinguishes you as the best of the best. So go ahead. Earn that CCIE Data Center logo and post it on your social profiles.

Learn more at www.cisco.com/go/nextlevel.