CCNP Data Center Certification and Training Program

Introducing the CCNP® Data Center certification program

Technology advances are generating more data than ever before, by enabling new applications and businesses that connect everything—people, devices, and machines. With intent-based networking, data center teams can take advantage of automation to scale and secure their infrastructure. To capitalize on these opportunities, today’s data center professionals need a broader range of skills and deeper focus in strategic technology areas. The CCNP Data Center certification program gives you exactly that breadth and depth.

We designed the CCNP Data Center certification to help you prove your skills in the ever-changing landscape of data center technologies. The certification covers core technologies and a data center focus area of your choice. You choose where you want to focus. You choose where to take your career.

Among the industry’s most widely recognized and respected certifications, CCNP sets you apart. It tells the world you know what you are doing. In addition, completing any CCNP certification exam earns you a Cisco® Specialist certification, so you get recognized for your accomplishments along the way.

Benefits

- **Show the world you know your stuff** with a high-value certification
- **Customize your certification** to your technical focus
- **Position yourself for advancement** in the fast-paced world of data center technologies
- **Add data center automation skills** to your areas of expertise
- **Earn a Specialist certification** for passing any CCNP exam - core or concentration
- **Qualify for the CCIE Data Center lab exam** by passing the CCNP core exam
- **Link that CCNP certification badge** to all your social media profiles

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Industry recognition and real-world know-how

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**Earning your CCNP Data Center certification**

The CCNP Data Center certification program prepares you for today’s professional-level job roles in data center technologies. One of the industry’s most respected certifications, CCNP validates the core knowledge you need while providing the flexibility to choose a focus area.

To earn CCNP Data Center, you pass two exams: a core exam and a concentration exam of your choice.

- The core exam, **Implementing and Operating Cisco Data Center Core Technologies** v1.0 (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 and Operating Cisco Data Center Core Technologies** (DCCOR).
  - The core exam is also the qualifying exam for CCIE Data Center certification. Passing this exam helps toward earning both of these certifications
  - Concentration exams focus on emerging and industry-specific topics such as design, troubleshooting, application-centric infrastructure, storage, and automation. You can prepare for concentration exams by taking corresponding Cisco training courses. Choose your CCNP Data Center concentration exam from these options:
    - **Designing Cisco Data Center Infrastructure** (300-610 DCID)
    - **Troubleshooting Cisco Data Center Infrastructure** (300-615 DCIT)
    - **Implementing Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure** (300-620 DCACI)
    - **Implementing Cisco Storage Area Networking** (300-625 DCSAN)
    - **Automating and Programming Cisco Data Center Solutions** (300-635 DCAUTO)

The CCNP Data Center certification and training program provides real-world, job-focused skills in key areas. CCNP Data Center validates the knowledge you need to excel in your job.