Software and networking grow more and more interconnected every day.

To capitalize on these opportunities, today's IT professionals need:

- **Intent-based networking** connects users, devices, apps, security intent, and policy.
- **APIs and programmability** drive new automation, agility, and scale.

So Cisco® is introducing new, customizable CCNP® certifications with two exams:

But wait, there's more:

That means four great things happen when you earn CCNP:

- **The core exam** covers topics that apply across a technology, including automation and programmability.
- **The concentration exam** covers a focus area of your choice in that technology.
- No new CCNP exams have any formal prerequisites.
- CCNP core exams also serve as the qualifying exams for CCIE® lab exams.

Every new CCNP core and concentration exam earns an individual Specialist certification.

That means four great things happen when you pass:

- **You can earn as many Specialist certifications in as many technology areas as you like.**
- **CCNP core exams also serve as the qualifying exams for CCIE® lab exams.**
- Yes, you read that right. Earning CCNP certification means that the only thing between you and CCIE is passing the lab exam.

Technology areas include:

- Enterprise
- Data Center
- Security
- Service Provider
- Collaboration

Did we mention that hiring managers love certified candidates?

It's been widely reported that technology executives and managers consider technical certifications a critical success factor.

That's why Cisco is proud to introduce the new CCNP, which includes:

- **Customizable your certification** within your technical focus.
- **Position yourself for advancement** in the fast-paced world of information technology.
- **Show the world you know your stuff** with a high-value certification.
- **Link that CCNP certification badge to all your social media profiles.**
- **Add automation skills to your areas of expertise.**
- **Qualify for CCIE lab exams by passing CCNP core exams.**

New exams go live on February 24, 2020.

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