

## Educating the Architects of the Networked Economy



Cisco® Networking Academy® is an innovative, global education initiative that delivers information and communication technology (ICT) skills to help meet the growing demand for ICT professionals while improving career and educational opportunities in communities around the world.

### **Growing Need for Global Networking Talent**

Networking innovations are enabling business, cultural, and personal revolutions on a global scale. As individuals become increasingly reliant on the Internet for collaboration, commerce, education, entertainment, and information exchanges; schools, governments, businesses, and community organizations around the world are experiencing a growing demand for ICT talent.

Networking Academy helps organizations fulfill their hiring needs by delivering engaging, standards-based networking courses that allow individuals to develop the professional skills needed to support dynamic and interactive networking capabilities.

### **Changing Lives, Communities, and Countries**

Cisco Networking Academy has been educating the architects of the networked economy since 1997. The Networking Academy uses a blended learning model that combines media-rich online curricula, classroom instruction, and hands-on labs to teach ICT skills to students from virtually every socioeconomic background and region of the world. These skills help narrow the technology skills gap while enabling communities to compete in the twenty-first century economy.

Networking Academy courses are taught at secondary schools, technical schools, two- and four-year colleges, universities, and community-based organizations in more than 160 countries around the world. All students have access to the same high-quality e-learning curricula, hands-on labs, and online assessments.

Networking Academy delivers marketable ICT skills to approximately 600,000 students each year. The program leverages the global human network to accomplish the following:

- Empower people to realize the dream of a better life
- Stimulate the development of the global knowledge economy
- Encourage long-term economic growth in communities around the world

## Different Paths for Different Goals

Networking Academy courses are designed to prepare students for career opportunities, continuing education and globally-recognized certifications:

**IT Essentials:** This introduction to PC hardware, software, and network operating systems prepares students for CompTIA A+, EUCIP IT Administrator, and CompTIA Server+ certifications and entry-level IT support careers.

**CCNA Discovery:** This curriculum teaches networking based on application, covering the types of networks students may encounter, from small offices to more complex enterprise models. Students learn the basics of routing, switching, and advanced technologies to prepare for Cisco CCENT™ and Cisco CCNA® certifications and entry-level networking careers.

**CCNA Exploration:** This curriculum teaches networking based on technology, covering protocols and theory at deeper levels reflective of university practices. Students learn the basics of routing, switching, and advanced technologies to prepare for the CCNA certification and careers in ICT.

**CCNP:** This curriculum teaches the advanced skills required to manage end-to-end converged network infrastructures and prepares students for the Cisco CCNP® certification and enterprise networking careers.

We also offer advanced technology courses, which focus on topics such as security, wireless, and voice, to prepare students for specialized certifications and professional careers in ICT.

## Global Partnerships for an Educated ICT Workforce

Cisco Networking Academy partners with educational, nonprofit, business, and government organizations to enhance the program capabilities and impact. Networking Academy and its partners work together to help students succeed during and after their studies.

[Learn more about partnership opportunities](#)

## A Passport to Opportunity

Cisco Networking Academy has yielded many benefits through a comprehensive and sustainable approach to technology education. Since course content is delivered online, students all over the world receive the same quality of education and access to life-changing opportunities.

We invite you to join the Networking Academy community in one of the following ways:

- Enroll in courses to develop valuable ICT skills
- Instruct and inspire students to view technology as a socially-beneficial and personally-rewarding career path
- Promote digital opportunities and economic participation in communities around the world

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