Changing Lives, Communities, and Countries

Cisco Networking Academy has been educating the architects of the networked economy since 1997. Networking Academy uses the two great equalizers in life—education and the Internet—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 and countries to compete in the twenty-first century economy.

Academies are located in high schools, two-year colleges and technical schools, four-year colleges, universities, and community-based organizations in more than 10,000 locations 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 500,000 students in more than 160 countries each year. The program leverages the global human network to:

· 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

"**The reason I have a chance to work for a global company like M&C, earn more than a respectable salary, and travel abroad often is because of the CCNA courses that I took at my local university.**"

**– Natthakarn Kongprawet
Networking Academy Graduate**

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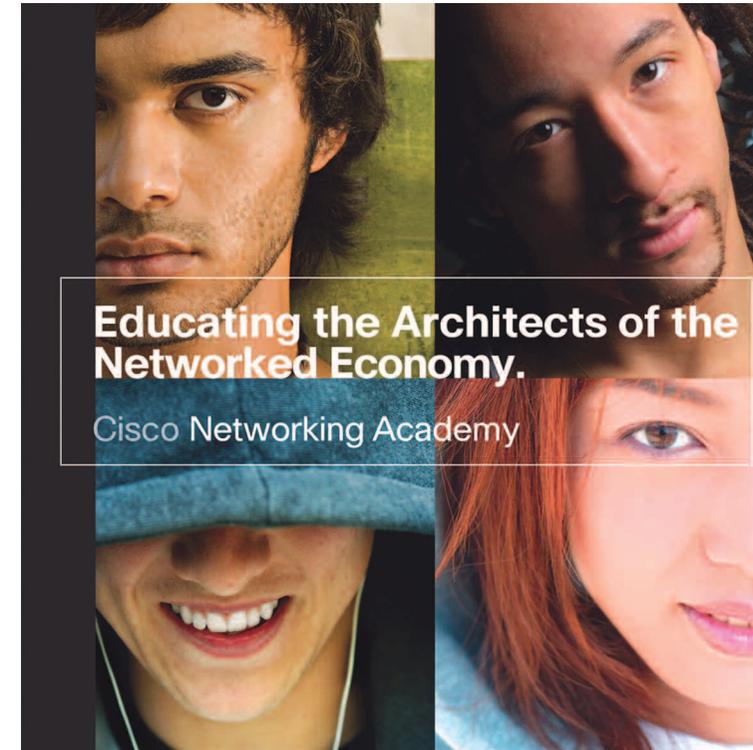**Cisco Systems, Inc.**
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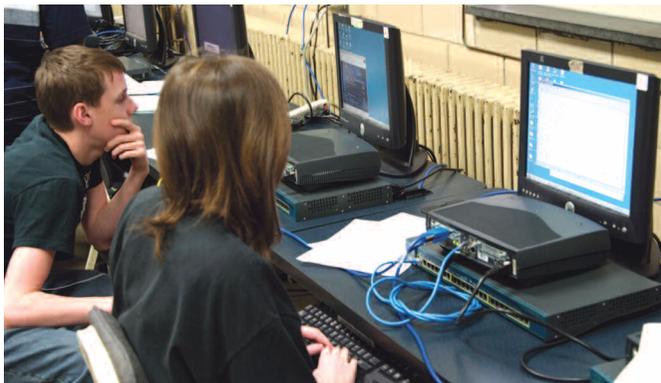# Educating the Architects of the Networked Economy.

Cisco Networking Academy

Organizations around the world are experiencing a shortage of qualified candidates to fill a growing number of networking positions in virtually every industry.

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

Growing Need for Global Networking Talent

Networking innovations are enabling business, cultural, and personal revolutions. In many parts of the world, people use online services to enhance their skills, collaborate with others, and exchange information. The networks that power these services are also shaping the future of an increasingly-connected world.

As our reliance on networks continues to grow, the technologies that enable them are evolving. Basic routing and switching networks have matured into converged voice, video, and data networks that support dynamic collaboration, and global organizations are becoming increasingly reliant on networking talent to design, deploy, and manage these networks.

You can help address the growing demand for networking talent by joining the Cisco Networking Academy community.

"**Networking Academy has allowed me to help others achieve their dreams, provide for their families, and gain self confidence. By helping others, I am achieving one of my life goals.**"

— Cheryl Schmidt
Networking Academy Instructor

Different Paths for Different Goals

Networking Academy courses are designed to prepare students for career opportunities, continuing education, and globally-recognized certifications. The globally-consistent and locally-relevant curriculum is delivered online in multiple languages and supported by classroom instruction and labs.

Networking Academy's robust data management system processes nearly one million assessments each month. Student progress, outcomes, and objectives are measured continually and program offerings are adjusted as needed.

Networking Academy prepares students for industry-recognized certifications and professional career opportunities in ICT with the following courses:

· **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 concepts based on the types of practical networks students may encounter from home and small offices to more complex enterprise models. Students learn the basics of routing, switching, and advanced technologies to prepare for Cisco CCENT™ and 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 entry-level networking careers.

· **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 professions.

· **Advanced Technologies:** These courses 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, through a powerful public-private partnership model that makes it possible to accomplish together what would not be possible alone. Networking Academy and its partners work together to help students succeed during and after their studies.

Cisco supports its educational partners with the following services:

· Internet access
· Online curricula and materials at no cost to nonprofits
· Discounted networking equipment for hands-on labs
· Cost-recovery options for instructor training
· Innovative tools and resources to help students build professional ICT career pathways

A Passport to Opportunity

Cisco Networking Academy has yielded many benefits through a comprehensive and sustainable approach to technology education that utilizes a unique ecosystem to bring organizations with different backgrounds, strengths, and perspectives together. Since course content is delivered over the global human network, 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

Join us and experience these possibilities with your **'Mind Wide Open'**.