

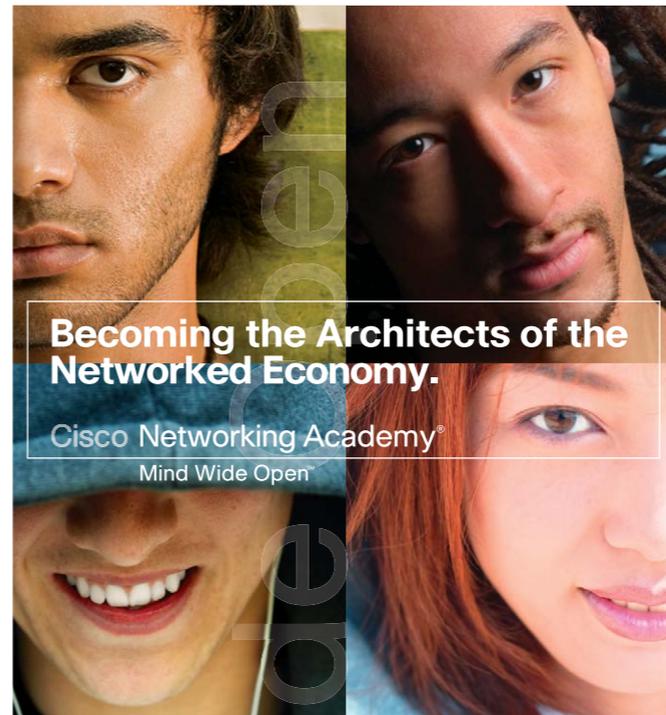
## Open Doors to Life-Enhancing Opportunities

Networking Academy courses cover a range of topics to help students succeed based on their interests and goals:

- **IT Essentials:** This introduction to PC hardware, software, and network operating systems prepares students for CompTIA A+, EUCIP ICT Administrator, and CompTIA Server+ certifications and entry-level ICT 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 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 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 careers.
- **Advanced Technologies:** These courses focus on topics such as security, wireless, and voice to prepare students for specialized certifications and careers.

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### Becoming the Architects of the Networked Economy.

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"Networking Academy has given me the skills to embark on a new career path and hope for unlimited potential in the future!"

Sarah Strickling  
Networking Academy Student

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## Wanted: Tech-Savvy Workers

Internet services enable individuals around the world to perform many common activities, such as the following:

- Instant messaging and e-mail
- Learning and research
- Downloading music and video files
- Blogging and social networking
- E-commerce

These capabilities are all powered by networks, and companies in virtually every industry need skilled workers to design, install, and manage these networks.

Organizations around the world are experiencing a shortage of qualified information and communication technology (ICT) candidates to fill a growing number of positions.

# Cisco Networking Academy

## Choosing a Path Towards a Professional Career in ICT

Meet Juan. He is 16 and is looking for a cool career after he graduates.



His path

**Cool Career**  
Attending secondary school and wants a job that pays well after graduation

**Cool Career**  
Interested in technology

**Cool Career**  
Takes CCNA Discovery courses



**Academic Fast Track**  
Has advanced problem solving and analytical skills

**Academic Fast Track**  
First year university student enrolled in engineering program

Margaret is 22 and struggling to improve her family's quality of life.



Her path

**A Better Life**  
Single mom with two small children

**A Better Life**  
No job but wants to be financially secure

**Cool Career**  
Learns routing basics and career soft skills

**Cool Career**  
Earns college course credit if he chooses to go to college in the future

**Cool Career**  
Earns CCENT certification after graduation

**Academic Fast Track**  
Sees technology as a path to career opportunities



Her path

Ismini is 19 and pursuing a degree in Engineering.

Jamal has a business degree and wants to expand his business management opportunities.



His path

**Expanding Opportunities**  
Wants to apply his strategic planning skills to the ICT industry

**A Better Life**  
Completes IT Essentials courses

**A Better Life**  
Acquires entry-level PC administration and support skills through a local community program

**Destination**  
Help Desk Technician for a consumer electronics retailer



**Academic Fast Track**  
Assists senior network technicians at a software company during a summer internship

**Network Specialist**  
Learned general PC and network support skills while working for a software company

Meet David. He wants to be more specialized in the ICT field.

Eric is planning to change careers.



His path

**Mid-Career Change**  
Bored with his manufacturing job after 18 years in the industry

**Mid-Career Change**  
Looking for a rewarding and challenging professional career in the ICT field

**Mid-Career Change**  
Enrolls in CCNA Exploration and CCNP night courses at a university



**Destination**  
Network Engineer at an online brokerage firm

**Network Specialist**  
Wants to learn more for a higher salary and more professional career opportunities

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### Become an Architect of the Networked Economy

Cisco® Networking Academy® enables individuals to develop valuable ICT skills that will help them succeed in the global economy. Academies are located in secondary schools, 2 year colleges and technical schools, colleges, universities, and community organizations in more than 160 countries. Students receive the same quality of education globally, through e-learning curricula, labs, and online assessments that are designed to prepare them for internationally-recognized certifications and successful careers in a variety of industries.

### Preparation for 21st Century Careers

The Internet is changing life as we know it; bringing new opportunities to communities throughout the world and providing a platform for life experiences on the human network.

Cisco Networking Academy enables students to pursue the educational and career goals that will help them to become the architects of these experiences.

More than 2 million students from approximately 160 countries have participated in this innovative educational program.

Join us with a 'Mind Wide Open' to new possibilities.