

WHY GET CERTIFIED?

With networking jobs becoming harder to secure in an increasingly competitive market, certification is more valuable than ever. Hiring managers and recruiters use certifications as a major deciding factor when reviewing job candidates; your certification is an indication that you have the technical hands-on expertise and the high level of theoretical knowledge that employers are seeking.

Why Cisco?

Cisco certifications, spanning a broad range of career levels, are among some of the best-known and most respected in the industry. Although competition in the IT job market may be high, the demand for employees with Cisco certifications is often greater than the supply of job seekers, according to TechRepublic.com; in a 2013 IT worker survey, 27% of respondents reported plans to pursue Cisco certification within the year, and 20% had taken Cisco training in the past year.

How Much Could I Make?

According to TechRepublic.com, Cisco-certified professionals regularly rank in the list of top 20 IT salaries. Cisco suggests that its certified professionals often earn as much as 10 percent more than colleagues without Cisco certifications working in similar jobs, and according to the most recent Global Knowledge Salary Survey, the average salary of an employee with a CCIE Routing & Switching Certification was \$125,800 in 2013. Professionals with CCNA or CCNP certifications can expect to make an average annual salary of \$78,000 to \$94,000, respectively, according to current industry job listings.

What Is My Career Growth Outlook?

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of network administrators and network architects is projected to grow 12-15 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than average for all occupations. Cisco certification is an excellent investment that can help you obtain a recession-proof networking job or advance your career.

How Long Will It Take?

The time it takes to acquire Cisco certification varies depending on the certification level and track, your available study time, and your previous experience. On average, you can expect to spend 3-6 months preparing for an associate certificate, 6-12 months for professional, and 6-18 months for expert. The time investment in a Cisco certification is usually less than that of a traditional college degree program, has a higher payoff in the IT industry, and is significantly less expensive!

How Can INE Help Me?

With self-paced online video training, live Bootcamps, interactive online workbooks, and [rack rentals](#), INE has everything you need to prepare for your CCIE, CCNP, or CCNA exam. Our [All Access Pass](#) provides affordable and unlimited streaming access to our entire video catalog of Cisco Certification training, and INE makes it easy for you to collaborate with your peers and communicate with instructors via our [blog](#), our very own [community forum](#), and our active [social media](#) channels.

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