

Cisco Networking Academy

CCNA1 Introduction to Networking – Junior Year

CCNA2 Routing & Switching Essentials – Senior Year

IT Essentials – Junior & Senior Year

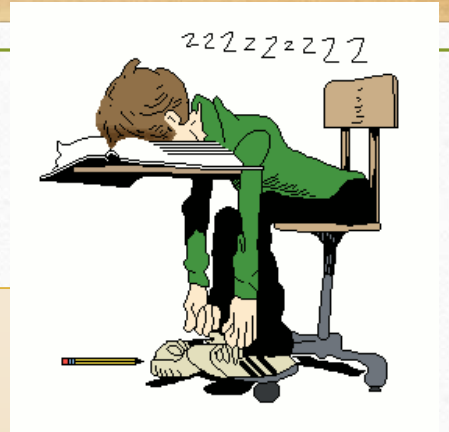
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- Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is NOT for:
 - The dumb kids
 - The lazy kids
 - Not for the kids who don't want to work
- Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is for:
 - Students who want MORE out of high school, NOT LESS!!
 - Students who want to learn
 - Who aren't scared to work

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Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

Thomas A. Edison



Opportunity is Everywhere!!

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- Over 95% of the students who graduate from the academy enroll in college upon graduation.
- Over 95% of the students who graduate from the academy decide to pursue a career in IT.
- Most students who don't do well in the academy are students who really didn't want to be here in the first place. Someone else's idea.
- Approximately 30% of the students in the last two junior classes either failed or decided not to come back for the senior year.

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Networking is your life . . .

You must be a good reader + good note taker + good problem solver
+ can pay attention + be challenged!



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- This class is **HARD**
- Honor students say that it is hard, challenging, and can be fun.
- You will be doing a lot of reading in and out of class
- You will be learning a tremendous amount of new material in 2 years – **much more** than any other class you've ever taken.

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- You will be able to find a good to great IT job upon successful completion
- You will be prepared for computer science college classes upon successful completion
- This is a COLLEGE LEVEL class doing COLLEGE LEVEL work – step up!!
- We will be working at a SLOWER pace than college.
- You can work ahead of the class.

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- Today is a different day – **We change because of our choices....** You made a choice to be here. Today you will change... like it or not... for the better.
- I want you to start to think of yourself not as a HS student.. but as a professional/a young professional. (Close your eyes – visualize what it will be like in the workplace!)
- Our **power** as people is in the **choices** we make!
- **You can be great!!**

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- Do NOT confuse this with a *regular* classroom
- We do not jump through hoops here. You are not “point monkeys” (ring the bell – get a pellet) in this class.
- You will **EARN** points every day. Study guide, performance labs, work sheets, etc. No “participation” points, “attendance” points, etc.
- You *actually have to learn* a lot of new concepts, new words, and new hands-on skills.
- Through your studies, you will be transformed to the beginnings of a new IT professional who will troubleshoot and fix problems.
- You cannot fix things if you don’t understand them.

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Opportunity:

- This class gives you an **opportunity** to learn a set of skills to start a career.
- You will not learn anything without trying
- My job is to create opportunities for you to learn (open doors)
- My job is to help you overcome obstacles to earn success
- I cannot help you if you are lazy and don't want to work. I cannot help you if you do not care.

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Cheating:

- An honest “D” is better than a stolen “A”
- If you are a cheater, please don’t waste my time/your time here.
- You will not find a position if you cannot pass an interview
- Unfortunately, the world is full of liars and cheaters.
 - People will suspect that you cheated unless you can prove otherwise
 - Do you know any cheaters?
- Cheaters never get a recommendation from me



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- **Homework:**

- How much homework you get is **TOTALLY** dependent on you. **You will need to take home anything that you cannot do in class.**
- Sometimes, everyone will need to take things home to do/finish.
- If you work slower (nothing wrong with working slower) you'll take more work home more frequently.
 - Not fair – that's right. There'll always be someone smarter than you.
- Do not go to the next topic without understanding previous topics.
 - You cannot pick and choose what you want to learn.
 - **You MUST learn it all**

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- Stories of past grads who have gotten jobs
 - [Mike Peterman](#) & [Zach Elliott](#)
- Stories of past grads who have enrolled in college
 - [Mark Slaby](#) & [Bryan Estenes](#)
- THIS IS HARD... you will work hard
 - You can be a rock star!
 - Bragging rights for the rest of your life
 - You have the OPPORTUNITY to be great!



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You will need:

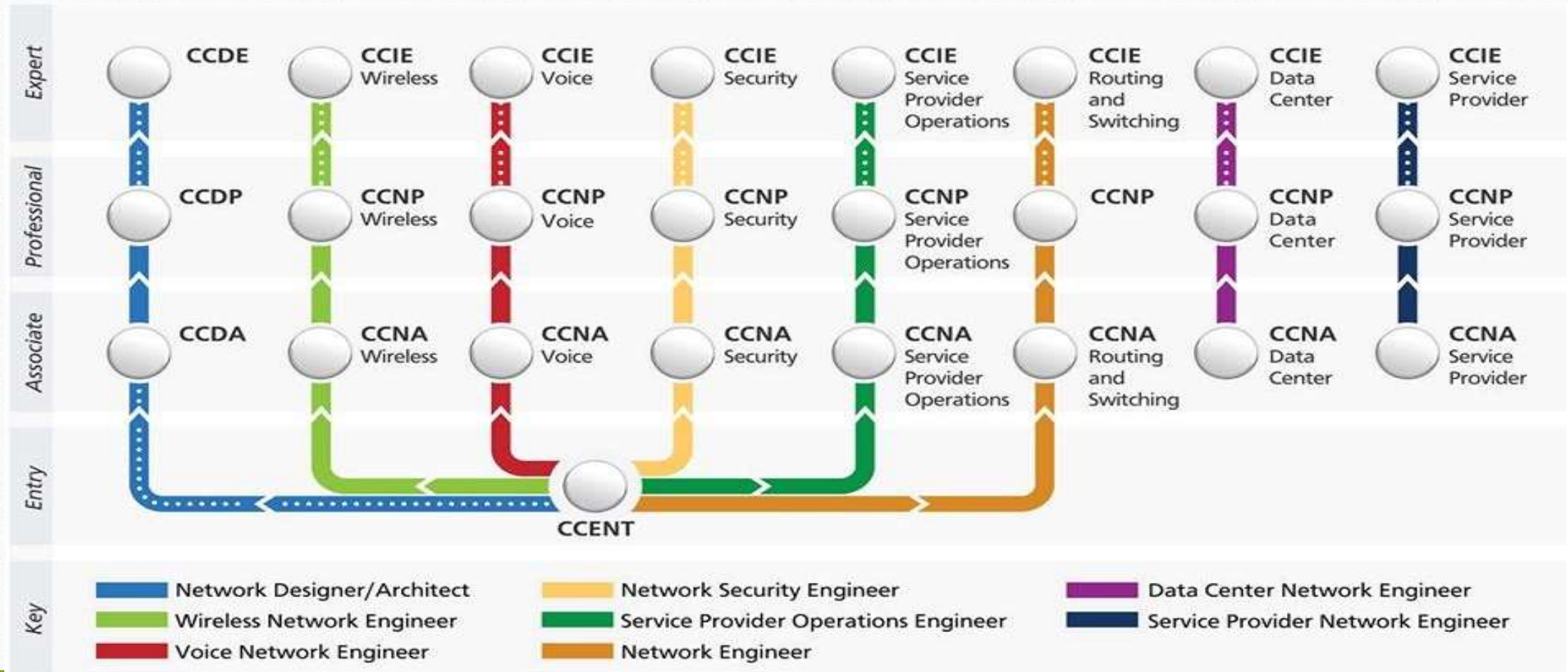
- Internet connection at home to study the academy material
- Computer at home to download network simulation software and practice your skills at home.
- Headphones or ear-buds for class use

You must be:

- An independent learner/thinker.
- Really interested in everything computers and networking.
- Motivated!!!!



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Solid-colored tracks indicate required steps; dotted tracks indicate recommended steps

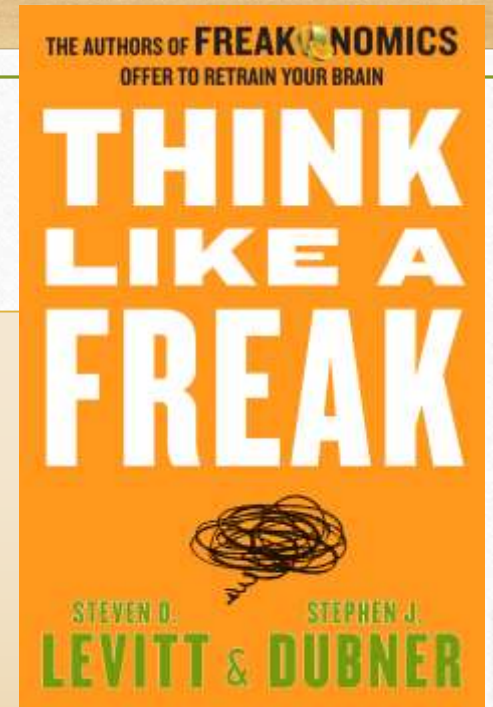
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[Honey Badger video](#)

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- Be a Honey Badger!
- Work smart AND hard – USE YOUR BRAIN! . . . THINK!
- I will help you learn, but I can't learn it for you.
- You will not pass this class if you don't want to learn.
- You agree to learn as much as you can, and I will teach you as much as I can
- If you are looking for the easy way, lazy way, free points, no effort, running away from home school . . . you will need to make other choices for next year.



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What are you planning to do
in this chair for 900 hours?



If you know how to use it, this will be your
#1 tool to becoming awesome!

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This is a babysitting free zone!



No time for it, no points for it, no pass for it!