Program Requirements Guide

Network Administration CERTIFICATE

Program Overview
The Network Administration Certificate is designed for individuals who already have acquired at least a minimum level of technical computer skills, either through previous education, training, and/or experience. It is designed to enhance one’s current computer knowledge and skills.

Networking Specialists can work in a wide variety of jobs. The work could include purchasing, installing, configuring, administrating, and/or supporting. Some jobs in networking could include help desk support, user training, installing and maintaining local and/or wide area networks.

The student should have excellent communications and math skills. For the certificate programs the student is expected to have prior microcomputer and/or networking experience. He/she should exhibit qualities of patience, perseverance, and preciseness and be a logical thinker. The student should enjoy working in a team environment, and be able to work independently. All networking programs emphasize preparation for either the Microsoft Certified System Administration or Linux Professional Institute (LPI) Certification.

Career Opportunities
With almost every size company connected to some type of network, the jobs in networking have become the fastest growing jobs in the computer field. With companies networking to share resources and reduce expenses the networking specialist is an invaluable part of the new company structure. There is a wide variety of jobs in networking including installation, maintenance, training, managing and user support.

Graduates find excellent opportunities as Network Administrators, Network Support, and Certified Network Engineers in business, manufacturing, government and education. Jobs for Networking Specialists for all types of installations are found throughout the country with opportunities for excellent earnings and rapid advancement. Jobs include the following:

- Networking Engineer
- Network Help Desk Support
- Data Communications Specialist
- PC Network Administrator
- Information Specialist
- WAN Manager
- Network Administrator
- LAN Specialist
- Telecommunications Specialist
- Certified Network Engineer
- LAN Manager

Program Outcomes
1. Graduates will have knowledge and skills in computer network engineering.
2. Graduates will have knowledge and experience in computer network system design, analysis, and maintenance.
3. Graduates of the Computer Network Programs will be prepared for employment as computer network engineers.

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Program Requirements
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Minimum Program Entry Requirements
Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements in addition to having acquired previous technical computer skills:

- **Reading:** Score of 78+ or grade of “C” or better in READ 0722
- **Writing:** Score of 78+ or grade of “C” or better in ENGL 0922
- **Elementary Algebra:** Score of 76+ or grade of “C” or better in MATH 0910

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:
Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

See back of this guide for Course Chart

This Program Requirements Guide is not a contract.

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The below chart illustrates the courses required for completion of this certificate.

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**Introductory**

- CSCI 1423 Computer Networking 1 - Client
- CSCI 1410 Computer Science & Information Systems
- CSCI 1440 Networking Fundamentals

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**Intermediate**

- CSCI 2451 Computer Networking 2 - Server
- CSCI 2461 Computer Networking 3 - Linux
- CSCI 2465 Computer Networking 4 - Infrastructure