

2023-2024 Academic Year

Information Technology

Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)
Certificate of Proficiency: Network Engineering Technology

Business, Technology, and Professional Studies Division

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The **Information Technology** associate degree and associated Network Engineering Technology certificate of proficiency, based on guidelines from the Association for Computing Machinery, prepare students for jobs that support computing in a networked environment. These include entry-level positions as PC technicians, network administrators, help desk specialists, technical support specialists, and customer service representatives. The A.A.S. degree may also prepare students for transfer to career-oriented B.S. degree programs in IT administration, network engineering, and computer system support.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Pass industry certifications, including A+, NET+, Linux+, and Security+; Microsoft's MCTS, MCITP, MCSA, and MCSE; and Cisco's CCNA.
- Understand, configure, and install hardware and software, including Internet user software;
- Understand, describe, and apply network protocols and standards;
- Explain computing practices and procedures found in most organizations;
- Use printed and online technical documentation;
- Describe how the Internet works;
- Work effectively individually and in workgroups to install and implement information technology;
- Demonstrate written and oral communication skills.

Admission requires a high school diploma or its equivalent, one year of high school algebra, and computer literacy. Applicants must demonstrate competency in English composition, reading, and mathematics, as determined by placement testing. Students who are required to complete foundations courses must plan their curriculum with an academic advisor.

The A.A.S. in Information Technology was not developed as a transfer curriculum; however, students have successfully transferred to, and completed bachelor's degrees at, several technically-oriented institutions including NJIT, Fairleigh Dickinson University, DeVry University, Drexel University, and Peirce College.

The Network Engineering Technology certificate of proficiency is intended to provide the technical material covered in the A.A.S. degree. Certificate coursework may be applied toward the A.A.S. degree.

SEE ALSO:

Computer Information Systems degree program

Computer Science degree program

Computer Science certificate program

Database Administration certificate program

Information Technology: Cybersecurity degree program

Mobile and Web Computing certificate program

DEGREE CURRICULUM

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The course sequence below represents a recommended example of how this degree program can be completed in two years, presuming a Fall Term start and satisfaction of all Developmental Studies (foundation courses) requirements and prerequisites. Actual approaches toward completion depend on each student's anticipated transfer institution, career objectives, or other individual circumstances.

Students are encouraged to meet regularly with an academic advisor or Success Coach to consider options, establish plans, and monitor progress.

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits	To Do This Semester
FIRST SE	MESTER		
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3	✓ Meet with your faculty advisor to complete an
<u>NET 102</u>	Introduction to PC Hardware and Software (2/3)	3	academic plan. Make sure you are aware of any
<u>NET 104</u>	Fundamentals of Computer Networks (2/2)	3	course prerequisites you may need to take, and how
<u>NET 120</u>	Windows Desktop OS Administration (2/2)	3	long it will take to complete your degree.
<u>IST</u> —	Computer Concepts requirement (2/2)	3	✓ Use your online tools: Check your MercerMail
	Select from IST 101, 102, or in consultation with an academic advisor.		daily, utilize features of Office 365, and get to know <u>Student Planning</u> . ✓ Take advantage of <u>Learning Centers</u> or <u>Online Tutoring</u> to support your studies and assignments.

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SECOND	SEMESTER			
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3	✓ Transitioning to college can be challenging. Meet	
MAT 125	Elementary Statistics I (3/0)	3	with your Success Coach for	
<u>NET 103</u>	IT Essentials (2/3)	3	✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1. ✓ Contact professors with questions and use their office hours to develop a connection. Talk with them to get the inside scoop on how your profession works. ✓ Be sure to visit the Career Services office to explore jobs, internships, and career information and get help with your resume and other career tools. ✓ Apply for Continuing Student scholarships at www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships.	
<u>NET 122</u>	Windows Server OS Administration (2/2)	3		
NET 130	Routing and Switching Essentials (2/2)	3		
THIRD SE	EMESTER			
ECO 111	Magraganamics (2/0)	2		
ECO 111	Macroeconomics (3/0)	3	✓ Keep in contact with each professor and your	
NET 124	Windows Network Infrastructure Administration (2/2)	3	faculty advisor. Make sure	
NET 212	Introduction to Linux (2/2)	3	you are on track to graduate on time.	
<u>NET 230</u>	Scaling Networks (2/2)	3	✓ Work with <u>Career Service</u> to formulate plans for after	
NET 244	Network Defense and Countermeasures (2/2)	3	you've earned this degree. ✓ Develop team and leadership skills by getting involved in activities and clubs.	

✓ Apply for Continuing
Student scholarships
at www.mccc.edu/mscholarships.

✓ Manage your stress!
Take advantage of the
MCCC pool, Fitness Center,
free yoga and Zumba.
Reach out for counseling or
other support if you need
it. Your Success Coach can
connect you with

resources.

FOURTH	SEMESTER		
BUS 230	Global Environment of Business (3/0)	3	✓ Get ready to start your
NET 126	Windows Directory Service Administration (2/2)	3	 career! Begin the job application process. ✓ Discuss your career plans with your faculty advisor. S/he can help you transition successfully.
NET 242	Directory Services Infrastructure Design (2/2)	3	
NET 256	Cloud Foundations (2/2)	3	
	Social Science or Humanities general education elective	3	
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NOTE: One or more NET courses may be substituted with acceptable IST, CIS, COS, EET or SST courses, in consultation with an academic advisor.

CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM

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Credit-bearing certificate programs can serve as gateways to earning an associate degree. Students are encouraged to consult the program coordinator, an academic advisor or Success Coach to explore such opportunities.

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
NET 102	Introduction to PC Hardware and Software (2/3)	3
NET 103	IT Essentials (2/3)	3
<u>NET 104</u>	Fundamentals of Computer Networks (2/2)	3
<u>NET 120</u>	Windows Desktop OS Administration (2/2)	3
NET 122	Windows Server OS Administration (2/2)	3
<u>NET 124</u>	Windows Network Infrastructure Administration (2/2)	3
<u>NET 130</u>	Routing and Switching Essentials (2/2)	3
<u>NET 230</u>	Scaling Networks (2/2)	3
NET 244	Network Defense and Countermeasures (2/2)	3
NET —	Program elective Select from NET 126, 212, 239, 240.	3
- -	General Education elective Select in consultation with an academic advisor. Students intending to apply certificate coursework toward the A.A.S. degree should select from Social Science, Humanities, or Diversity and Global Perspective general education categories, or MAT 125.	3
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