

**NIB Cisco Academy Frequently Asked Questions**

**College degree, does it need to be a 4-year degree? What type of work experience is applicable?**

4-year degree with focus in Computer science is preferred. Comparable work in the IT field building mainframes or computers in a lab situation, teaching computer security courses or possessing IT certifications i.e. A+, Security +, Network+ qualifies as work experience.

**Is there a stipend given to participants in the training program?**

No.

**Who much does the program cost? When is payment expected?**

NIB will be working with your local vocational rebab on the cost of the training and timing of payment.

**What type of Cisco certification is it?**

CCNA

**How long does it take if I take the course at Cisco academy?**

Same amount of time. We are following the standard format (schedule) for the academy.

**What is the possible salary for this certification?**

The average national salary for someone with a CCNA certification is $84,376 annually. However, salaries are contingent on numerous factors including geographic location, experience, education, etc. We cannot guarantee salaries as this is a company by company standard.

**What are the qualifications of the instructors and how were they chosen?**

The lead instructor has a Master of Science in Cybersecurity, 11 years of professional cyber security experience, has 4 Cisco Academy training and administration certificates, 7 security system experience, is an instructor trainer at the U.S. Navy Center for Information Warfare Training and a Cisco Academy trainer/manager at Queens College.

**Which companies have agreed to participate in the internship?**

We are currently speaking with several Fortune 1,000 companies who have expressed interest in the program. The list of companies will be finalized soon.

**Are the internships in person?**

Unknown

**Is this a possible remote job opportunity once the certification is completed?**

Unknown as that will vary from job to job based on employer

**Can I complete the course in less than the 40-week time frame(i.e. Not follow the intended 40-week course outline)?**

The training is a group-based instructor led training any deviation would need to be discussed with trainer.

**What type of computer specifications do I need to take this course?**

Personal computer with Microsoft office

**Is the computer provided?**

No

**Can I use a public computer to take course( Kinkos, library etc.)?**

No, due to the times the course is held and the type of configuration that is required for the work a personal computer is required