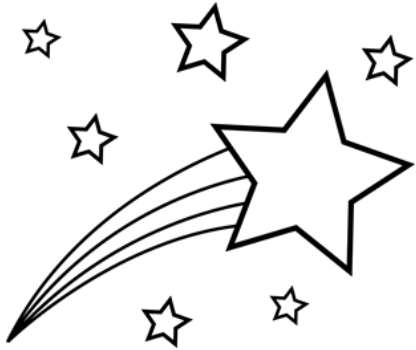# Networking Academy
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No other skills are more vital to a company's business operations than networking. Because the network connects everything. Plus, right now, there's never been a more exciting time to enter the field due to its modernization with new technologies.

Enjoy this recap of the current job market and remember to continue to shoot for the stars and make landing a networking job YOUR reality!

Networking Jobs Report
For students | January 2020

Interesting stats

Out of the +10K job opportunities posted on Networking Academy's Talent Bridge Matching Engine, **networking was the most prominent** desired skill set indicated over the past year.

Networking ranked No. 1 over all other skill sets (both business and technology-related) per 2019 Employer Survey.

💬Top prediction

"By 2025, 75% of networking teams will spend less than a third of their time maintaining the network status quo and two-thirds delivering innovation, creating value for the business."

– Joe Clarke, Distinguished Engineer, Cisco

Intent-based networking and AI videos

You may have heard about Intent-based Networking (IBN) and how this, coupled with AI, is changing the face of networking. Check out these **under 3-minute video clips** from Cisco's Enterprise Networking CTO, John Apostolopoulos. He explains the transformation very well.
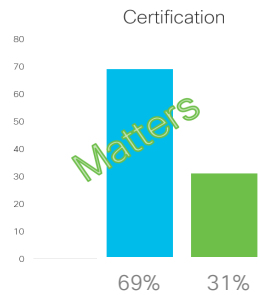
How Networks have evolved   What is IBN?   What is AI?

Does a CCNA Certification Matter?

Certification

80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
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Matters

69%   31%

Yes. It can give you more confidence when applying for jobs, and employers often request them. According to IDC, in a single year, Cisco certifications were requested in 1.9 million IT-related openings. And 69% of jobs currently on Talent Bridge Matching Engine say CCNA course completion is either required or desired. Per Dan Kamien, a Meraki recruiter, "CCNA is the foundation needed for all networking jobs."

Picture yourself doing this

A sampling of duties for an entry-level networking job in Indonesia, Japan and the U.S:

- Provide technical support to clients
- Diagnose problems and troubleshoot
- Serve as the foremost problem-solver and be passionate about networking
- Upgrade and maintain network hardware & software
- Ensure successful delivery of projects
- Provide systems design and hardware/software installations
- Ensure networking compliance

Q&A with employer

Q. Does your organization have a healthy number of entry-level networking jobs?
A. We hire anywhere from 40-70 entry-level professionals per year.
Q. How does Networking Academy stand out on resumes?
A. Networking Academy's education stands because we are well aware of the stellar instruction that the Academy provides.
Q. How does a CCNA certification stand out?
A. **Having the CCNA certification** allows a new Networking Engineer to progress more quickly through the first phase of our Networking Associate Program. This means more time for on-the-job shadowing.

– Julie Morgan, CDW

Tip from Networking Product Manager

"If you're planning to get the full CCNA certification, don't give up. You don't have to do it all at once. Still, ultimately, you'll want to complete it because nothing is more industry recognizable and it's something you can feel really good about achieving."

– Greg Coté, Networking Academy