



## Network Administration and Cybersecurity Diploma - 58 credits

Program Area: Computer Information Systems (Fall 2025)

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### Program Description

Students are prepared for CompTIA (A+, Network+, Security+), Cisco RSTech, and EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) certifications. Students are prepared to provide technical support for computer networks in business environments. Students are taught server and network administration, hardware support skills, and cybersecurity essential.

This program is offered on-campus or online. A 30-credit certificate, a 58-credit diploma, and a 72-credit Associate in Applied Science degree program give students the flexibility they need.

### Program Outcomes

- Perform PC configuration and maintenance tasks, including hardware and OS installation and troubleshooting, and configuration for network services
- Describe the OSI Reference Model, layered communications principles, and routing, bridging and switching principles and devices, and use these concepts effectively in verbal and written communication
- Manage Cisco router hardware and the Cisco Internet Operating System (IOS), including planning, installation, configuration, management, upgrading and troubleshooting of routers and switches
- Analyze organizational networking needs, and design and implement Local Area and Wide Area Networks (LANs and WANs), including hardware and software configuration and management, and security (access control)
- Design and implement basic network services such as DHCP, DNS, network shares and printing, remote access, user accounts and groups, and manage desktop and network security
- Determine the factors involved in developing a secure information technology strategy
- Describe and identify common security threats and attacks and describe how to safeguard against them
- Apply a common ethical hacking methodology to carry out a penetration test and describe how to implement countermeasures for these types of attacks

### Required Courses

Number	Name	Credits	Term
CIS 1402*	Foundations of CIS	3	
CIS 1521*	A+ Operating Systems Technologies	3	
CIS 1522*	A+ Core Hardware	3	
CIS 1946*	CISCO Networking I	3	
CIS 1950*	Windows Client Administration	3	
COMM 1601	Interviewing Procedure and Practice	1	
CIS 1500*	Computer User Support	3	
CIS 1745	UNIX System Administration	3	
CIS 1810*	Security Fundamentals	3	
CIS 1947*	CISCO Networking II	3	
CIS 1952*	Windows Server Administration	3	
CIS 2811*	Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems Fundamentals	3	
CIS 2812*	Network Security	3	
CIS 2813*	Forensics and Incident Response	3	
CIS 2814*	Ethical Hacking and Systems Defense	3	
CIS 2815*	Cloud Computing	3	
CIS 2980*	Internship	2	
CIS 2987*	CIS Capstone	3	
Technical Electives	Choose 7 credits from the following:	7	
CIS 1415*	Introduction to Programming		
CIS 2560*	Web Server Administration		
CIS 2972*	SQL Server Administration		
CIS 2973*	Server Virtualization		
CIS 2976*	Emerging Technologies in Information Systems		
CIS 2999	Special Topics in Computer Science (1-3 credits)		

**Total Credits**

**58**

\*Requires a prerequisite or a concurrent course



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### Pre-program Requirements

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English/reading and mathematics.

#### English/Reading:

- Eligible for ENGL 1106 - College Composition I, or
- Completion of ENGL/READ 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). ENGL/READ 0950/0955 may be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

#### Mathematics:

- Eligible for MATH 0970 - Intermediate Algebra, or
- Completion of MATH 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). MATH 0950/0955 may be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

There are other ways to qualify. Visit [Course Placement](https://lsc.edu/course-placement) (lsc.edu/course-placement) to find out more.

For interpretation of test results and selection of appropriate coursework; or general information about the program, admissions, financial aid, and getting started at LSC, contact the [professional advising team](mailto:advising@lsc.edu) (advising@lsc.edu) at 218-733-7601

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For more information about the Network Administration and Cybersecurity Diploma including course descriptions, course prerequisites, the program report, and potential career opportunities, see the [program website](https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/network-administration-and-cybersecurity-diploma/) (https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/network-administration-and-cybersecurity-diploma/)

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