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# **Certification Courses In Cisco Networks - The Inside Track**

The CCNA certification is the usual starting point for all Cisco training. This allows you to work on the maintenance and installation of switches and routers. Basically, the internet comprises of vast numbers of routers, and large companies who have various regional departments need them to keep their networks in touch.

Getting this certification will most likely see you working for national or international corporations who have many locations, but still want internal communication. On the other hand, you might end up joining an internet service provider. These jobs are well paid and in demand.

Having the right skills and knowledge ahead of starting the CCNA is very important. Therefore, it's probably necessary to speak to an advisor who can fill you in on any gaps you may have.

Students who consider this area of study are usually quite practically-minded, and don't really enjoy classrooms, and endless reading of dry academic textbooks. If this is putting you off studying, opt for more involving, interactive learning materials, with on-screen demonstrations and labs.

If we can utilise all of our senses into our learning, then the results are usually dramatically better.

You can now study via easy-to-use DVD or CD ROM's. Instructor-led tutorials will mean you'll learn your subject via the demonstrations and explanations. You can then test yourself by interacting with the software and practicing yourself.

Make sure to obtain a study material demo' from any training college. You should ask for slide-shows, instructor-led videos and fully interactive skills-lab's.

It's unwise to go for purely on-line training. Due to the variable nature of connection quality from all internet service providers, make sure you get CD or DVD ROM based materials.

The sometimes daunting task of securing your first computer related job can be eased by some companies, via a Job Placement Assistance programme. With the massive need for more IT skills in Britain today, it's not too important to become overly impressed with this service however. It's not as difficult as you may be led to believe to land your first job as long as you've got the necessary skills and qualifications.

Help and assistance with preparing a CV and getting interviews may be available (if it isn't, consult one of our sites). Ensure you work on your old CV immediately - don't leave it till you pass the exams!

Getting your CV considered is more than not being regarded at all. Often junior support jobs are offered to people (sometimes when they've only just got going.)

You can usually expect quicker service from a specialised and independent local recruitment service than you will through a training provider's employment division, because they'll know the local area and commercial needs better.

Certainly ensure you don't invest a great deal of time on your training course, and then just stop and expect somebody else to secure your first position. Take responsibility for yourself and make your own enquiries. Channel as much energy and enthusiasm into landing your new role as you did to gain the skills.

A key training program should incorporate Microsoft (or key company) exam simulation and preparation packages.

Make sure that the mock exams are not just posing the correct questions on the right subjects, but also asking them in the way that the actual final exam will structure them. This really messes up students if they're met with completely different formats and phraseologies.

Practice exams can be enormously valuable as a tool for logging knowledge into your brain - then when the time comes for you to take the real thing, you don't get phased.

Review the facts below carefully if you believe that old marketing ploy of an 'Exam Guarantee' sounds great value:

It's become essential these days that we are a bit more aware of hype - and generally we know that for sure we're actually paying for it - they're not just being charitable and doling out freebies!

For those who want to qualify first 'go', then the most successful route is to pay for one exam at a time, give it the necessary attention and give the task sufficient application.

Isn't it in your interests to hold on to your money and pay for the exam when you take the exam, rather than coughing up months or even a year or two in advance to a training company, and to do it locally - rather than in some remote centre?

A surprising number of questionable training companies net huge profits because they're getting in the money for all the exam fees up-front then banking on the fact that many won't be taken.

Many training companies will require you to do mock exams and prohibit you from re-taking an exam until you have proved to them you have a good chance of passing - which actually leaves you with no guarantee at all.

Paying maybe a thousand pounds extra on an 'Exam Guarantee' is naive - when consistent and systematic learning, coupled with quality exam simulation software is what will get you through.

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