The Computer Network Professional (CNP) certificate program prepares graduates for employment in the computer networking industry. The skills developed in the course work lead to successful careers as network administrator, data communication manager, communication specialist, and similar positions. The program is structured to achieve this objective through 15 semester hours of advanced course work. Our state-of-the-art remote access labs provide hands-on experiences in the design, deployment and management intra/internet client/server networks. Students are required to have high-speed Internet connection.

All courses are offered 100% online with no on-campus residency required. Fifteen hours of Internet based, online graduate coursework are required for the CNP certificate.

- ICTN 6800 Internet Research Methods or ITEC 6050 Strategies for Technical Management
- ICTN 6810 Communication Technology
- ICTN 6820 Computer Network Technology
- ICTN 6823 Information Security Management
- ICTN 6830 Advanced Network Technology

Add ICTN 6840 – Communication Strategies for Industry for those who need 18 hours in their discipline.

The courses are scheduled to allow completion of the certificate program in 18 months or less. Transfer credits are not accepted in the CNP certificate program. All students must meet admission and retention standards established by the ECU Graduate School.

Admission Standards
You must have a baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional association and have an overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale on all undergraduate work; or a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in either the undergraduate major or work taken during the senior year. Completion of a standardized examination, such as the GRE, is not required for admission to our graduate certificate programs.

Admission Procedure
1. Complete and submit a graduate certificate application from the ECU Office of Graduate Studies website at www.ecu.edu/gradschool.
2. Submit any required forms to the ECU Office of Graduate Studies such as the Statement of Legal Residence, Statement of Purpose, resume, official copies of all transcripts, and two letters of reference from persons who can attest to the applicant's academic competence or potential in the computer networking environment.

The Fine Print
Students completing this certificate are encouraged to apply for the MS in Network Technology (MSNT) program. Admission to and completion of the certificate program does not supersede the admission requirements to a Masters of Science (MS) degree program at East Carolina University nor does it guarantee admission into a MS degree program. Concurrent work on a MS degree requires admission to the MS program. Since only nine hours of non-degree credit may be applied to a MS degree, students who begin in a certificate program and then decide to apply for the MS degree should do so within the first three courses to avoid lost credit.

The Department of Technology Systems is a national leader in offering graduate, technology related degrees online. The program is Internet based and permits students to be advised, complete courses, collaborate on projects, conduct research, and complete the degree via the Internet. Each student should have a state-of-the-art computer and reliable high speed Internet access. Students typically spend 10-15 hours per week in preparing for and participating in each course. Most of the students in the program are working professionals who are pursuing the degree for career advancement. Courses are scheduled in a sequence over the fall, spring, and summer semesters and this allows program entry in any semester.

All information provided in this flyer is subject to change without notification. Students and applicants are required to review the Graduate Catalog (www.ecu.edu/grcat/) to learn about the current requirements, regulations, and policies.

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