The Masters of Science in Network Technology (MSNT) with a concentration in Information Security prepares professionals to design, deploy, manage, and apply techniques of securing and protecting the integrity and availability of information systems and communication networks in governmental, private, and non-profit organizations. The 15 or 18 hour concentration builds upon the 15-hour core to provide knowledge to build career opportunities in occupations such as: Network Architect, Information Security Officer, Network Administrator, Corporate Technology Trainer, Information Systems Analyst, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Specialist, and Technology Integration Specialist.

### Core Courses (15 Semester Hours)
- ITEC 6000 Statistical Applications in Industry
- ITEC 6060 Research Methods in Technology
- ITEC 6200 Technology Project Management
- ICTN 6823 Information Security Management
- ICTN 6878 Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Technology

### Concentration Courses (15 or 18 Semester Hours)
- ICTN 6865 Fundamentals of Network Security
- ICTN 6870 Advanced Network Security
- ICTN 6873 Network Intrusion, Detection and Incidence Response
- ICTN 6883 System Integrity for Information Technology

#### Options:
- Thesis Option: ICTN 7000 Thesis*
- Practicum Option: ICTN 6900 Practicum*
- Non-thesis Option: Two elective courses + Comprehensive Exam

### Admission Standards
Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution and have an overall GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale on all undergraduate work. Each applicant must achieve a satisfactory score on a standardized graduate test. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is preferred. The minimum acceptable test score is based on a moving scale determined by the ECU Graduate School. A student holding a masters degree from an accredited university does not have to retake the standardized graduate exam. Deficiencies in students’ backgrounds are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Remedial undergraduate courses and/or additional graduate courses may be required to complement the standard course work.

#### Prerequisite:
CompTIA Network+ certification or Microsoft Network Essential certification or Cisco CCNA certification or equivalent course work, or completion of ECU graduate courses 6810 and 6820 prior to taking concentration coursework.

### Admission Procedure
1. Complete and submit a graduate application from the ECU Office of Graduate Studies website at [www.ecu.edu/gradschool](http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool).
2. Submit any required forms such as the Statement of Legal Residence, Statement of Purpose, resume, official copies of all transcripts, and three letters of reference to the ECU Office of Graduate Studies.

### The Fine Print
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. Average completion time is 24 months if six credits are taken per semester. Courses are scheduled in a sequence over the fall, spring, and summer semesters and this allows program entry in any semester. All students must meet admission and retention standards established by the ECU Graduate School.

**Comprehensive Exam:** All non-thesis track students are required to pass the comprehensive exam, which covers all areas of the curriculum and also features a research write-up. Students who pursue the thesis-track or the practicum option are exempt from the comprehensive exam.

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/](http://www.ecu.edu/grcat/)) to learn about the current requirements, regulations, and policies.

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