



## CCNA Wireless - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Why is Cisco expanding its Career certification portfolio?

According to a commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Cisco Systems, there is a pervasive need for networking skills throughout multiple functions of current and future IT organizations.

- One-third of the global companies surveyed currently have a dedicated wireless role. Over the next five years, the presence of a dedicated wireless role is expected to be found in 66% of the IT organizations surveyed.
- Dedicated security roles are expected to exist in 80% of the companies studied within five years, while today a dedicated security role was found in only 46% of the companies surveyed.
- 65% of the IT managers surveyed expect to have a dedicated voice specialist role in their IT organization within five years, while only 40% of respondents have them today.

To meet this challenge, Cisco is introducing CCNA Security, CCNA Voice, and CCNA Wireless; role based, technology specific concentrations that provide current and future networking professionals a learning path for career advancement.

### When were the new CCNA concentrations introduced?

Cisco introduced the new CCNA concentrations globally on June 24, 2008. Both CCNA Voice and CCNA Security exams and courses are available at this time. CCNA Wireless exams and courses will be made available on July 25, 2008.

### CCNA Wireless

CCNA Wireless Certification validates candidate's skills in the configuration, implementation and support of wireless LANs, specifically those networks using Cisco equipment. Students completing the recommended Cisco training are provided with information and practice activities to prepare them for, configuring, monitoring and troubleshooting basic tasks of a Cisco WLAN in SMB and Enterprise networks. Employers will be able to validate their staff have the skills needed for basic wireless networking on a Cisco WLAN in SMB and enterprise networks after completing certification.

### CCNA Wireless Exams and Recommended Training

| Prerequisite | Required Exams | Recommended Courses  | Notes                                      |
|--------------|----------------|--|--|
| CCNA         | 640-721 IUWNE  | Implementing Cisco Unified Wireless Networking Essentials (IUWNE v1.0) | 5-day instructor-led training (ILT) course |

### Do customers have to complete the CCNA certification each time they take a different CCNA concentration?

No. The CCNA certification only needs to be passed one time in order to move on to each of the new CCNA concentrations.

## Where can a customer take the recommended training for the new CCNA Concentrations?

Training for the new CCNA concentrations is available through [Cisco Learning Partners](#) and [Cisco Learning Solutions Partners](#).

## Are the new CCNA concentration courses available through the Network Academy or Cisco Press?

At this time courses –Instructor-led training courses are only available through Cisco Learning Partners, however Cisco Press will also have corresponding products for each of the CCNA Concentrations available in the very near future. In addition to their best selling exam certification guides, Cisco Press will offer digital quick reference guides and other online materials to aid in preparation for the CCNA Concentrations.

## What type of jobs are available for individuals who pass one of the new CCNA concentrations?

The following job roles are identified for individuals who pass their respective CCNA concentration:

### Job Roles Available for individuals who obtain a CCNA Wireless Certification

- Network Administrators
- Wireless Technicians, Support Technicians
- Security engineers focused on wireless networks
- WLAN project managers
- Wireless Support Specialists

## How do these new concentrations affect Cisco's Professional and Expert level certifications?

Passing the new CCNA Concentrations will serve as the prerequisites to an individual's corresponding Cisco professional level certification (CCSP, CCVP etc). However, the CCNA certification will continue to be the prerequisite to CCNP.

## Where can interested students find more information about the new CCNA Concentrations?

In addition to the current Cisco Career Certification web site, Cisco is featuring the new CCNA concentrations on the Cisco Learning Network [www.cisco.com/go/learnnetpace](http://www.cisco.com/go/learnnetpace)



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