Networking Specialist Diploma (NS14)- 54 Credit Hours

Program Description:
The Networking Specialist associate diploma program is a sequence of courses designed to provide students with an understanding of the concepts, principles, and techniques required in computer information processing. Graduates are to be competent in the general areas of humanities or fine arts, social or behavioral sciences, and natural sciences or mathematics, as well as in the technical areas of computer terminology and concepts, program design and development, and computer networking. Graduates may find employment in network installation and maintenance, networking administration, network operating systems support, and hardware repair/maintenance. Starting salaries are approximately $38,000 per year.

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Pre-Degree Requirements				
Program Specific				
• Min GPA 2.0 • Courses may rotate among following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Lagrange and online				
Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track				
Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer				
✓	**Grade**	**Semester 1**	**S**	**CR**	**Notes & Milestones**
		ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English	ALL	3	Program Admission
		MATH 1012 Foundations of Math	ALL	3	Program Admission
		CIST 1001 Computer Concepts	ALL	4	
		CISM 2201 Foundations of Computer Applications	ALL	3	
				13	**Program Semester Hours**
✓	**Grade**	**Semester 2**	**S**	**CR**	**Notes & Milestones**
		CIST 1122 Hardware Installation and Maintenance	FA SP	4	
		CIST 1305 Program Design and Development	ALL	3	
		CIST 1401 Computer Networking Fundamentals	FA SP	4	
		EMPL 1000 Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	ALL	2	
				13	**Program Semester Hours**
✓	**Grade**	**Semester 3**	**S**	**CR**	**Notes & Milestones**
		CIST 1130 Operating System Concepts	ALL	3	
		CIST 1601 Information Security Fundamentals	ALL	3	
				6	**Program Semester Hours**

✓	Grade	Semester 4	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
		CIST XXXX (6 credits) Any combination of CIST courses.	ALL	6	See CIST Course list
		CIST 2411 Microsoft Client	FA SP	4	
				10	**Program Semester Hours**
✓	Grade	Semester 5			Notes and Milestones
		CIST 2412 Microsoft Server Installation and Maintenance	FA SP	4	
		CIST 2413 Microsoft Server Networking	FA SP	4	
		CIST 2414 Windows Server Identity Services	FA SP	4	
				12	**Program Semester Hours**
Always check online https://www.westgatech.edu/ and meet with your Advising or Faculty Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.					

Note: If a course is full or unavailable when you to attempt to register, please select an available course from any term listed, given you have satisfied the required pre-requisite.

Credits for CIST or CISM courses are awarded only for courses that have been completed within the last seven years. Any courses completed over seven years ago may be recommended by the program chair and approved by the Dean of the School of Business/Public Services if the student presents recent, documented, in-field experience or current software certification.

Employment Opportunities: https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/

Articulation Agreements: https://www.westgatech.edu/admissions/registrars-office/articulation-agreements/

Financial Aid by Program: https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/WGTC-Available-Aid-By-Program-11-17-2023.pdf

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