



Networking Specialist Degree (NS13)- 66 Credit Hours

Program Description:

The Networking Specialist associate degree 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 \$42,000 per year.

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<https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/systems-information-management/Networking/>

| Pre-Degree Requirements | | | | | |
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| Program Specific | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | | | | | |
| <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;"><i>Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer</i></p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">***Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) offers accreditation services to business programs focused on teaching and learning. ACBSPs evaluate and determine whether the business schools and programs meet applicable and recognized standards.</p> | | | | | |
| ✓ | Grade | Semester 1 | S | CR | Notes & Milestones |
| | | ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric | ALL | 3 | Program Admission |
| | | MATH 1111 College Algebra | 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 | |
| | | Additional 3 hours from Area I, II, III or IV | ALL | 3 | List of Area I, II, III and IV courses |
| | | | | 14 | Program Semester Hours |
| ✓ | Grade | Semester 3 | S | CR | Notes & Milestones |
| | | CIST 1130 Operating System Concepts | ALL | 3 | |
| | | Area II: Choose One | ALL | 3 | List of Area II Courses¹ |

¹ <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2023-2024/student-catalog/academic-programs/associate-degrees/>

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| | | CIST 1601 Information Security Fundamentals | ALL | 3 | |
| | | | | 9 | Program Semester Hours |
| ✓ | Grade | Semester 4 | S | CR | Notes and Milestones |
| | | CIST XXXX (11 credits) Any combination of CIST courses. | ALL | 11 | See CIST Course list |
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| | | Area IV: Choose One: ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation or MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation or THEA 1101 Theater Appreciation or HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities or ENGL 2130 American Literature or ENGL 2310 English Literature | ALL ALL FALL ALL | 3 3 3 3 | Program Admission Program Admission Program Admission ENGL 1101 with a grade of C or better ENGL 1101 with a grade of C or better ENGL 1101 with a grade of C or better |
| | | | | 14 | Program Semester Hours |
| ✓ | Grade | Semester 5 | | | Notes and Milestones |
| | | CIST 2411 Microsoft Client | FA SP | 4 | |
| | | 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 | |
| | | | | 16 | 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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