



## CompTIA Network+

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Certifying Organization	CompTIA <a href="https://certification.comptia.org/">https://certification.comptia.org/</a>					
Description of Credential <b>IBC#: 050</b>	<a href="#">CompTIA Network+ Certification</a> is a networking certification validating the essential knowledge and skills needed to design, configure, manage and troubleshoot any wired and wireless networks. It is recommended that candidates previously obtain the CompTia A+ Certification and have 9 -12 months of networking experience.					
Part of which Graduation Pathways <sup>1</sup>	<u>Statewide:</u> Cyber Engineering <u>Integrated:</u> Information Technology, Technology Specialist					
<a href="#">Associated with Which Careers?</a>	<u>5 Star:</u> Computer Systems Manager, Computer Programmer, Computer Systems Analyst, Computer User Support Specialist, Industrial Engineer, Network Systems Administrator, Sales Representative – Technical and Scientific Products, Software Developer <u>4 Star:</u> Computer Network Architect, Computer Network Support Specialist, Database Administrator					
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	\$28,000 - \$51,000					
<b>Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students</b>						
Standard / Curriculum	<p><a href="#">Certification Overview</a> Self-paced eLearning courseware or face-to-face instruction is available.  <a href="#">CompTIA Network+ Exam Preparation</a> <a href="#">CompTIA Video Explaining Exam</a>            Exams are composed of 90 multiple choice and performance-based questions. Length of test is 90 minutes. A passing score is 720 (on a scale of 100 – 900). Exams are administered at <a href="#">Pearson Vue Authorized Testing Centers</a>. Request information: <a href="mailto:academy@comptia.org">academy@comptia.org</a> .            Additional information may be found at the following sites:  <a href="#">Total Seminars</a>  <a href="#">McGraw Hill</a> - just press cancel  <a href="#">Cengage</a>  <a href="#">Wiley Sybex</a>            Schools can become authorized testing centers through <a href="https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centers.aspx">https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centers.aspx</a> Educators seeking student accommodations must make request to Pearson VUE at least 30 days before the scheduled exam appointment. Email <a href="http://pearsonvue.com">http://pearsonvue.com</a></p>					
Testing Methodology	Paper?	No	Online?	Yes	Performance Exams / Tests?	Yes
Re-Testing (if available)	Re-Testing Procedures	CompTIA does not require any waiting period between the first and second retake. Students must wait 14 days for a third or subsequent retake exam.			Max Attempts	There is no annual limit on the number of attempts on the same exam.
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	<p>Minimum recommended student age for certification is 13.            The Network+ Credential ensures an IT professional has the knowledge and skills to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and implement functional networks</li> <li>• Configure, manage, and maintain essential network devices</li> <li>• Use devices such as switches and routers to segment network traffic and create resilient networks</li> <li>• Identify benefits and drawbacks of existing network configurations</li> <li>• Implement network security, standards, and protocols</li> <li>• Troubleshoot network problems</li> <li>• Support the creation of virtualized networks</li> </ul> <p>Specifically, N10-007, released March 2018, was updated and reorganized to address the current networking technologies with expanded coverage of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical security concepts</li> <li>• Key cloud computing best practices and service models</li> <li>• Coverage of newer hardware and virtualization techniques</li> </ul>					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concepts to give individuals the combination of skills to maintain a resilient network</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Exam Details and Pricing</a> – scroll down  <a href="#">CompTIA Network+ Exam Preparation</a></p> <p>Exams are composed of 90 multiple choice and performance-based questions and taken at a <a href="#">Pearson Vue Authorized Testing Center</a>. Length of test is 90 minutes. A passing score is 720 (on a scale of 100 – 900). Exams are administered at <a href="#">Pearson Vue Authorized Testing Centers</a>. Schools can become an authorized testing center through <a href="#">CompTIA Academy Partners</a>. Request information: <a href="mailto:academy@comptia.org">academy@comptia.org</a>. Educators seeking accommodations must email their request to <a href="http://pearsonvue.com">http://pearsonvue.com</a> at least 30 days before testing.</p>			
<b>Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers</b> <i>Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they're teaching students to attain.</i>				
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	CompTIA Network+ teacher certification is required. Instructors may be interested in joining the <a href="#">CompTIA Instructor Network</a> .			
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	CompTIA exams are administered under secure, proctored conditions at Authorized Prometric and Pearson VUE testing centers. Prometric and Pearson VUE confirm the identity of exam candidates and provide a controlled environment for collecting and transmitting exam results. Schools may establish a Pearson VUE testing center on their campus. See <a href="https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centers.aspx">https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centers.aspx</a>			
<b>Certification Tracking</b>				
Credentialing Documentation	CompTIA maintains all documentation. Students create their own CompTIA Certification account and can track CompTIA A+ certification (and other certifications offered by CompTIA) online. Students can print out copies of the certifications they have earned or have the certifications mailed to them. <i>Teachers</i> can track the certification results of their students using the student voucher number used for the exam. <i>Schools will not be able to track the results of students who take the exam at a public testing center without the cooperation /disclosure by the student.</i> <a href="#">Sample CompTia certification</a>			
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	Yes	Details	N/A
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	Certification is valid for three years. Students must earn 20 CEUs for recertification. <a href="#">CompTIA Network+ Renewal Policies</a>		

Certification Costs / Funding Sources						
Cost Details	Packages are available (voucher, bundle, site license). One voucher = \$319 Vouchers expire 12 months after issued. Vouchers emailed within 24 business hours, but often within 3-4 hours. Vouchers purchased via <a href="#">CompTIA Academy membership</a> are considerably cheaper than CompTIA's retail pricing. Follow the link to apply for the free CompTIA Academy membership. Exam Vouchers are also available at discounted prices from many online vendors such as: <a href="http://www.totalsem.com">www.totalsem.com</a> <a href="http://www.supervoucher.com">www.supervoucher.com</a> <a href="https://getcertified4less.com">https://getcertified4less.com</a>					
Re-test / Refund Policies	No free or discount to re-test. Exam fees are not refundable.					
Funding Sources <sup>2</sup>	CDF?	Yes	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)	
<b>For More Information</b>						
Certifying Agency Contact Info	Kathy Yale <a href="mailto:kathy@totalsem.com">kathy@totalsem.com</a> Cell: 713.449.8849 Total Seminars, LLC					
LDOE Contact	<a href="mailto:JumpStart@La.Gov">JumpStart@La.Gov</a>					
Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD					

1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the [graduation pathway](#) you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway. Always check with certifying agency for latest updates.

2 – CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)