

COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN - NETWORKING (CSTN)

Support IT infrastructures for organizations large and small

With this hands-on program, you'll learn to troubleshoot, diagnose, and repair a wide range of digital networks, from the simple to the complex. Gain the in-depth skills you need to solve the computer networking and security needs of all sizes and types of organizations. We provide the software for your hardware and prepare you for a prized computer technician career.

Cambrian is an authorized Cisco Systems Networking Academy, Red Hat Academy, and Microsoft IT Academy. As a successful graduate, you can enter directly into the third year of Cambrian's Computer Systems Technology - Security (<https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/computer-systems-technology/>) program.

Program highlights

- Train to install, manage, and troubleshoot networks and internetworks
- Courses cover programming, server administration, LANS, WANS, client service, and more
- Authorized Cisco Systems Networking Academy, Red Hat Academy, and Microsoft IT Academy, which allows you to challenge industry certifications
- Grads can enter directly into the third year of Cambrian's Computer Systems Technology - Security (<https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/computer-systems-technology/>) program

Semester 1		Credits
CET 1022	Introduction to Networking	4
CET 1109	Windows Client for IT Professionals	4
CMP 1065	IT Essentials	4
CMP 1117	Introduction to Programming	4
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3

Credits 22

Semester 2		
CET 1023	Switching, Routing, and Wireless Essentials	4
CET 1014	PowerShell	4
CET 1037	Microsoft Azure Fundamentals	3
IOT 1105	Relational Databases	4
CET 1025	Linux System Administration	4
MTH 1235	Technical Math and Subnetting	3

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Semester 3		
CET 1024	Enterprise Networks, Security, and Automation	4
CET 1017	Administering Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure	4
CET 1112	REST API integration with Python	3

CET 3120	Advanced Linux Administration	4
CET 3115	Identity and Access Admin	4
IND 1025	Indigenous Business Workshop	1
One General Education Course. ¹		3

Credits 23

Semester 4		
ENG 1754	Technical Communication	3
CET 4100	Microsoft 365 Endpoint Admin	4
CET 2415	Applied Project Management	3
CRM 1007	Cybersecurity Operations	4
ISP 3026	Spreadsheets for Business	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3

Credits 20

Total Credits 87

Admission requirements

For graduates of the new curriculum (OSS): Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C) or (U)
- Any grade 12 mathematics (C) or (U) (MCT4C is highly recommended)

Additional admissions requirements

Recommendations

- Computer competency in relevant software

Program delivery

2026-2027

Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2026
SEMESTER 2: Winter 2027
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2027
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2028

Winter term start

SEMESTER 1: Winter 2027
SEMESTER 2: Spring 2027
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2027
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2028

Specific program pathways

Graduates can enter directly into the:

- Third year of Cambrian's Computer Systems Technology - Security (<https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/computer-systems-technology/>) program
- Cybersecurity (<https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/cybersecurity/>) graduate certificate program
- IT Business Analysis (<https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/it-business-analysis/>) graduate certificate program

College or university degree opportunities

If you are a graduate of this program, you may continue your studies at a college or university and you may receive credit(s) for your prior college education. Refer to Cambrian's college and university agreement (<https://cambriancollege.ca/supports-services/articulation-agreements/universities-in-canada/>) details for further information.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates are prepared for employment opportunities such as:

- Network technician
- Network administrator
- Helpdesk support
- End-user support

Contacts

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