

# Become an Information Technology Professional



## Are you ready to start or advance your career in the information technology (IT) field?

College of Lake County's intensive, short-term courses can provide you with the skills you need. These courses are designed to prepare you to either begin your career in an entry-level IT position or enhance your existing IT skills to advance your career.

This program provides the technical skills you need and prepares you for valuable certifications that will set you apart from other job candidates or IT professionals. If you want to obtain the skills to become an Information Technology Professional, call our Customer Service Center to get started.



### Professional Development

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# Information Technology Professional Courses



## Begin Your Career with CompTIA A+ Certification

To begin your career as an entry-level Information Technology Professional, the CompTIA A+ Certification course is the first step in your preparation. This fast-paced program will build upon your existing user-level knowledge as well as your experience with personal computer software and hardware. You will gain fundamental skills and concepts needed for job success. You can seek employment after completing this course or continue with additional IT or Project Management Professional courses to further enhance your skill set.



## Specialize with CompTIA Security+ Certification

Expand your skills. CompTIA Security+ is the primary course you need to take if you are seeking a job with responsibilities in securing network services, devices and traffic in your organization. In this fast-paced course, you will build upon your knowledge of and professional experience with security fundamentals, networks and organizational security. You will acquire the specific skills required to implement basic security services on any type of computer network. Per *Forbes* (January 2, 2016), the cybersecurity market is expected to grow from \$75 billion to \$170 billion in 2020.

Classes have multiple start dates throughout the year.

Visit [www.clillinois.edu/professional/IT](http://www.clillinois.edu/professional/IT) for course dates and times.





## Take Your Career to the Next Level: Cisco CCNA Certification

When you're ready to take your IT career to the next level, the Cisco CCNA Certification course prepares you to take the Cisco CCNA Routing and Switching Certification Exam. Market research and global employees have consistently indicated that the skills gap for general networking capabilities is shrinking, while the skills gap for essential networking technologies is growing. As a global leader in technology and networking, Cisco developed this curriculum and certifications to remain aligned with the current job market and trends. This program trains you for a job as a network engineer or network administrator.

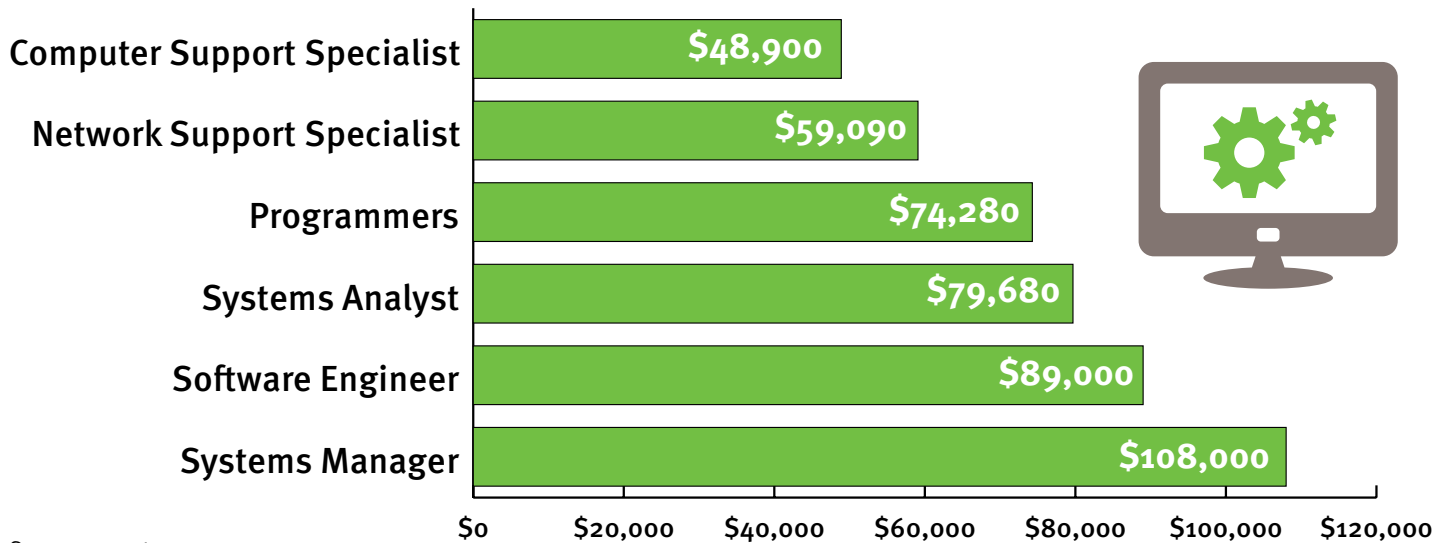


## Project Management Professional Series

Become the leader who can deliver projects on time and on budget. The Project Management Professional Series teaches you how to deliver projects reliably. The series also prepares you to earn your certification as a Project Management Professional (PMP) or a Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM). Take one or all three: Essentials of Project Management, Advanced Project Management, Project Management Professional Exam Prep. Gain the edge as an IT Professional with certified project management skills.

# Positive Salary and Growth Outlook for IT Careers

## National Salaries



## The Growth Trend



**Demand for IT workers is expected to rise as:**

- Individuals and businesses use computers more
- The number of cyber-attacks increase

Source: www.monster.com



From 2016-21, **Network and security jobs** are expected to **increase**

**↑ 5.4%**

Source: College of Lake County research study



From 2016-21, **Desktop Support Technician jobs** are expected to **increase**

**↑ 7.3%**

Source: www.economicmodeling.com (regional data)