

Network Administration

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POTENTIAL SALARY

Network administrators can earn over \$107,610 annually*

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AVERAGE SALARY

Average network admin. in SC makes \$79,400 per year

9/10

DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Can get started with a certificate or an associate's degree

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TIME COMMITMENT

Earn a network operations certificate in about four months

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JOB AVAILABILITY

Over 5,700 network admin. jobs available in SC

8/10

JOB SECURITY

This industry is expected to grow by 5% by 2030*

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The Career Score attempts to score each career relative to the other careers on this website. Salary info and other data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and [Salary.com](https://www.salary.com). * Denotes info based on nationwide statistics

OVERVIEW

If you're interested in becoming a network administrator, there are a few paths you can take. Several certificate programs are available as well as an associate's degree program. Once you are fully qualified, you will be prepared for a high-demand career with an **average salary of \$79,400 per year**.

Network administrators usually have a mind for details and troubleshooting, as a major part of their job is to set up, test, and maintain networks that **connect multiple computers**. Any organization that uses multiple computers needs someone to coordinate and connect the different systems, which is where you come in.

Network administrators set up networks, make sure they are optimized, troubleshoot any issues, ensure new users are trained to properly use the network, and much more. **This job requires a lot of knowledge on computer hardware and software**, and that knowledge is always growing. If you're the type of person that friends and family already go to for tech support, a career as a network administrator could be right for you.

Set up and maintain networks that keep an organization running.

EDUCATION

CISCO NETWORK OPERATIONS CERTIFICATE

 **4 CLASSES** (12 CREDIT HOURS)

NETWORK ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATE

 **7 CLASSES** (23 CREDIT HOURS)

PC TECHNICAL SUPPORT CERTIFICATE

 **9 CLASSES** (29 CREDIT HOURS)

NETWORKING DEGREE

 **22 CLASSES** (66 CREDIT HOURS)