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I.D.# _____

2011-12
NETWORK SECURITY SPECIALIST
Certificate

This program covers the fundamentals of computer networking with an emphasis on network security, network defense, data integrity and computer forensics. It prepares students for jobs in network administration, network security, and computer forensics. Students are prepared for a range of industry certifications. Upon completion, students may seek various industry certification credentials such as CompTIA's A+, Network+, and/or Linux+.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS: Prairie State has partnerships with Microsoft Academic Alliance, Comp TIA, and CIW. For further information visit the website at: http://prairiestate.edu/prairie_tech

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (28 credits)

- _____ CJ 101 3 cr Introduction to Criminal Justice
- _____ IT 140 3 cr Introduction to Operating Systems (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above; ITOFS 100 recommended*)
- _____ IT 240 3 cr Linux Operating Systems (*Prereq. IT 140 with a C or better and Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
- _____ ITNET 160 4 cr Computer Repair (*Prereq. IT 140 with a C or better and Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
- _____ ITNET 165 3 cr Introduction to Networking (*Prereq. ITNET 160 with a C or better and Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
- _____ ITNET 250 3 cr Introduction to LAN Administration (*Prereq. IT 140 with a C or better and Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
- _____ ITNET 260 3 cr Network Security Fundamentals (*Prereq. ITNET 165 with a C or better or Network+ Certification and Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
- _____ ITNET 270 3 cr Computer Forensics (*Prereq. IT 140 or CJ 101 with a C or better and Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
- _____ ITNET 280 3 cr Ethical Hacking (*Prereq. ITNET 260 with a C or better and Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
- _____ Attained a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the courses identified in this certificate program.

Current cumulative GPA: _____

_____ Completed a minimum of one-half of the credit hours required at PSC (excluding proficiency credit).

_____ Filed a **Graduation Petition Form** with the Office of Enrollment Services.

Deadline for filing: October 1 for Winter, March 1 for Spring, July 1 for Summer. (*December, May & August candidates may choose to participate in the annual May Commencement Ceremony. Deadline to apply for ceremony is March 1st.*)

Credits Required: 28	Credits Completed: _____	Credits In Progress: _____	Credits Needed: _____
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Advised By: _____ **Date:** _____

SIGNATURE: Counselor or Advisor or Faculty Advisor

This is an UNOFFICIAL evaluation. Official Evaluations must be requested in the Office of Enrollment Services.

TIME LIMITS ON PREVIOUS COURSES IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

1. Due to the rapid change of technology in these fields, there is a five year time limit on applying courses with ITAPP, ITNET, ITPRG, ITOFS, ITWEB prefixes to this program.
2. Any courses with these prefixes that are over 5 years old must have approval of the department chairperson before they can be counted toward this degree. For further information, consult with the Transcript Evaluator in the Office of Enrollment Services.

PROFICIENCY TESTING/ALTERNATIVE CREDIT METHODS

Students interested in testing out of courses in this program should consult the Information Technology Department Chairperson, the Program Coordinator, or the Counseling and Advising Center for further information about the alternative credit process.

IMPORTANT PSC GRADUATION POLICIES

1. If the degree or certificate requirements are changed during your continuous attendance, you may elect to satisfy either the new requirements or the ones in force when you enrolled.
2. If you withdraw from Prairie State College for either a fall or spring semester, you must satisfy requirements in force at the time you re-enroll.
3. **Requests for COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS** in the program must be directed to the Program Coordinator. A Course Substitution Form must be signed by the Program Coordinator and submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services at least one semester prior to graduation.
4. Petitions for alteration of other graduation requirements must be submitted on a Student Appeal Form at least one semester prior to graduation.

DIVISION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Program Coord:

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CAREER PLANNING/PLACEMENT INFORMATION:

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

Employment opportunities: www.collegecentral.com/prairiestate