

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_

**2010-11**  
**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 and is a Prometric Testing Center. For further information visit the website at: [tech.prairiestate.edu](http://tech.prairiestate.edu).

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (28 credits)**

_____	CJ 101	3 cr	Introduction to Criminal Justice
_____	ITNET 160	4 cr	Computer Repair (Prereq. ITPRG 140)
_____	ITNET 165	3 cr	Introduction to Networking (Prereq. ITNET 160 recommended)
_____	ITNET 250	3 cr	Introduction to LAN Administration (Prereq. ITPRG 140)
_____	ITNET 260	3 cr	Network Security Fundamentals (Prereq. ITNET 165 or Network+ certification)
_____	ITNET 270	3 cr	Computer Forensics (Prereq. CJ 101 or ITPRG 140)
_____	ITNET 280	3 cr	Ethical Hacking (Prereq. ITNET 260)
_____	ITPRG 140	3 cr	Introduction to Operating Systems (Prereq. Keyboarding recommended)
_____	ITPRG 240	3 cr	Linux Operating Systems (Prereq. ITPRG 140)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 1<sup>st</sup>).

<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Required: 28</b>	<b>Completed:</b> _____	<b>In Progress:</b> _____	<b>Needed:</b> _____

**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.

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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/prariestate](http://www.collegecentral.com/prariestate)