

WELCOME TO CITE

Center for Information Technology Excellence
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MEET THE CITE FULL-TIME FACULTY



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MEET THE CITE ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS

Server
Administration
and
Networking

Cloud
Computing
and
Programming

Security

Lab
Instructor/
Tutor

Networking

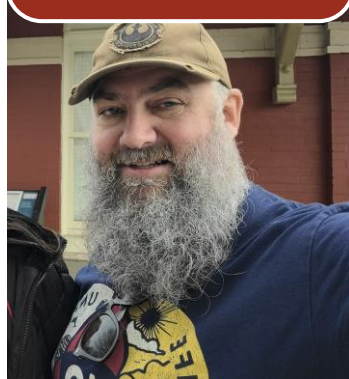
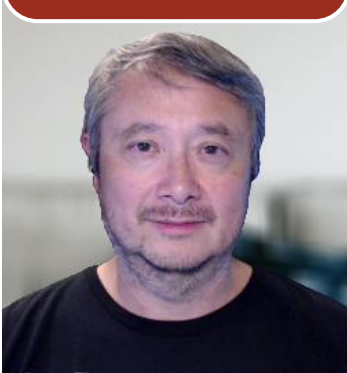
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MEET THE CITE STAFF

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WHY IS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY A GREAT CAREER?

- High demand and lots of job opportunities for highly-skilled individuals
- Competitive salaries with high salary potential
- Growing field with new emerging sectors
- Challenging work with continuous learning and access to new technology
- Job options and a variety of career opportunities for promotion



SAMPLE JOBS FROM LINKEDIN



Data Center Circular Center Inventory & Asset Technician I

Microsoft · Boydton, VA **Reposted 2 minutes ago** · 37 applicants



\$19.66/hr - \$33.32/hr (from job description) · Full-time



Technician

Aerotek · Boydton, VA (On-site) 2 days ago · **0 applicants**



\$16/hr - \$20/hr (from job description) · Contract · Entry level



Data Center Technician I

Microsoft
Reston, VA

\$20.50/hr - \$34.80/hr (from job description)



Data Center Technician

TEKsystems · Boydton, VA (On-site) **Reposted 4 days ago** · **8 applicants**



Full-time · Entry level

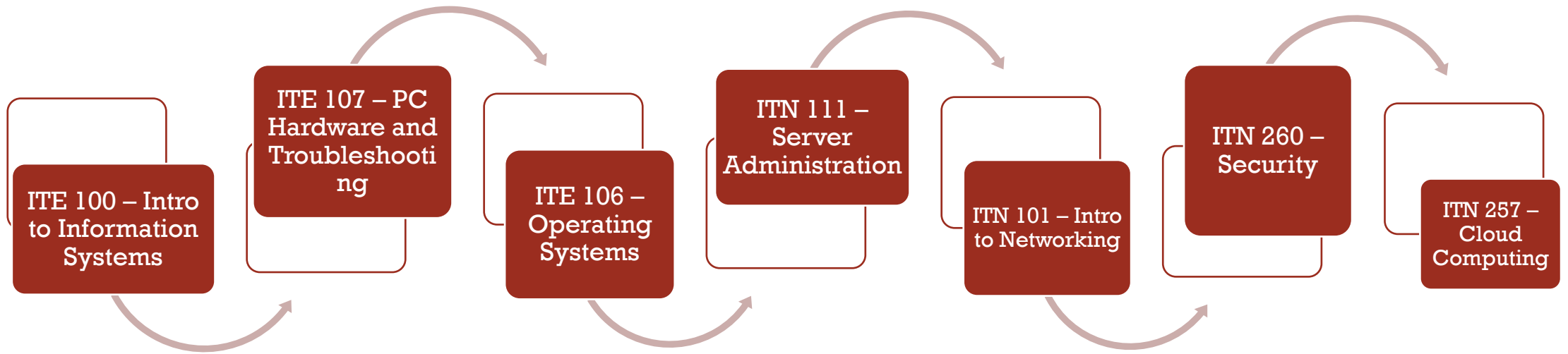


Level 1 Desktop Support Technician

Summit Human Capital
Richmond, VA (On-site)



SUGGESTED ORDER OF CLASSES



All students should take ITE 100 in the first semester.

Typically, students do not enroll in ITN 111, 101, 260, or 257 until they complete ITE 100, ITE 107, and ITE 106.



WHAT ARE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS?

- An industry certification is a process where individuals are assessed by an independent, third-party certifying entity, using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies.
- When a certification exam is passed, it results in the award of a credential that is nationally (and sometimes internationally) recognized. An example of a certification entity is CompTIA.

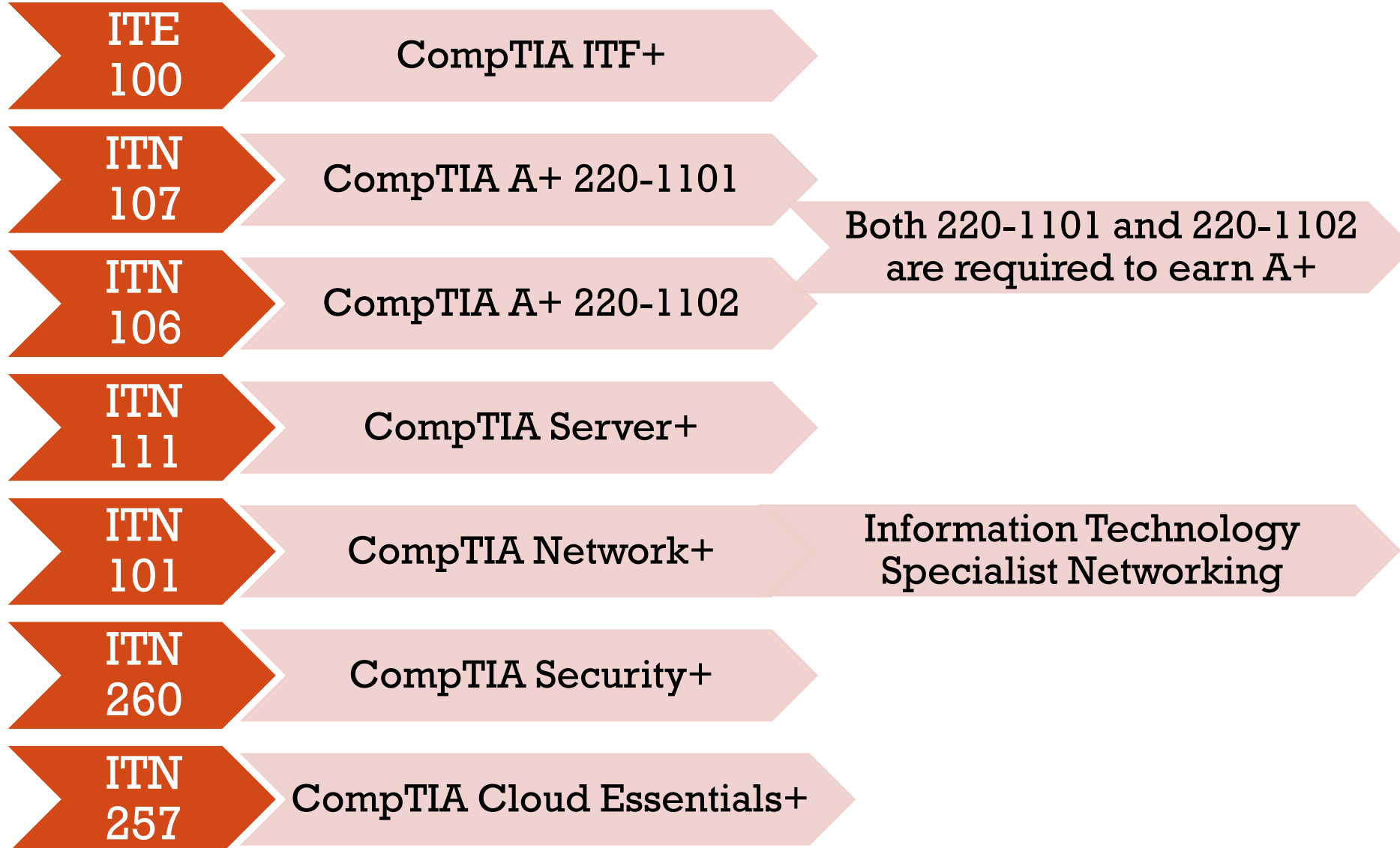


WHAT ARE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS?

- Industry certifications are valuable to employers because they verify a job candidate's technical skillset. By having earned the certification credential, an employer can safely assume that the candidate has proven knowledge and skill in a particular subject.
- Industry certification exams are rigorous. Although certification exams are difficult, classes, hands-on training, certification prep, and studying allow candidates to be successful.



CITE CERTIFICATIONS



COMPTIA TESTING

- CITE is a CompTIA Authorized Partner.
- Test vouchers are priced at the academic level.
- Testing is done on-site at the end of the semester and scheduled by your instructor.
- Retakes are possible.



PURCHASING VOUCHERS

- Students enrolled in the following classes are charged through Follett Access for a voucher for CompTIA testing for the end of the semester:

ITE 100	ITN 106	ITN 107	ITN 111	ITN 260	ITN 257
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- Students in ITN 101 will take the Information Technology Specialist exam for Networking at no charge.
- Students in ITN 101 will be given the option of taking the CompTIA Network+.



SCHOLARSHIPS

- In addition to traditional financial aid such as Pell grants and G3 funding, the college offers scholarships to adult students (dual enrollment is not included).
- In the CITE program, students are considered for Microsoft scholarships as well as other funds.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- Adult students must fill out a FAFSA and apply for scholarships online: southside.edu/scholarships
- Adult students enrolled in a cybersecurity degree or certificate program may also apply for the Microsoft Cybersecurity Scholarship Program:

<https://www.lastmile-ed.org/microsoftcybersecurityscholarship>

*The scholarship application must be filled out each calendar year.
The application opens January 1.*



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Internship opportunities are available at Microsoft through the CITE program. Students must earn a CompTIA certification or complete the Cybersecurity and Networking Foundations Career Studies Certificate to be considered.
- Most internships are paid opportunities to train and be exposed to different areas of the business environment.
- Other employers may be added in the future.



JOB FAIR/CAREER EXPO



An IT Job Fair/Career Expo will be scheduled once or twice a year.



SDV 106 — PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

- Topics
 - Resume writing
 - Cover letter writing
 - Job applications
 - LinkedIn account creation
 - Interviewing skills
 - Mock interviews with questions and answers
 - Soft skills for being successful in the workplace
- This class is part of the certificate program and is offered online. It is highly recommended!



CITE RESOURCE WIZARD

Check out our website!

<https://southside.edu/cite-resource-wizard>



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BE SUCCESSFUL

- Attend class
- Participate in discussions and labs
- Read, highlight, take notes
- Review each chapter/module/lesson as you go through the semester
- Complete assignments weekly
- Ask questions
- Seek assistance with tough topics
- **STUDY** for your certification exam



HELPFUL TIPS

- Download Helpful Apps
 - uCertify Mobile App
 - Canvas Mobile App
- Practice time management skills
- Reach out to you instructor if you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or more...



THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING CITE



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