

Computer Support Specialist (C)

Certificate · Program Code: 148 · Credit Hours: 30-31 · Contact Hours: 43-44

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North Central's Computer Support Specialist Certificate is a good starting point for students desiring an entry level job in the information computing technology support field. The courses provide the student with the foundation knowledge and skills needed to pass the Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC-3 ®) examination as well as the Core level Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) Fundamental Networking and Security examinations. Students completing the Computer Support Specialist Certificate are qualified for employment as help desk technicians and have a good start towards the Computer Support Specialist Associate of Applied Science. To earn this North Central Certificate the student must pass the IC-3, and the MTA Fundamental Networking and Security examinations.

The US Department of Education requires colleges to disclose specific information about certain certificate programs. The information falls under the umbrella term "Gainful Employment" and includes, but is not limited to, graduation rates of students enrolled in the program and the median debt of students who have completed the program. Click here to view "Gainful Employment" information for this program.

http://www.ncmich.edu/registrar/GE2/Computer_Support_Specialist/11.1006-Gedt.html

General Education Requirements: 9-10 Credit Hours

- [B 104 - Business Math \(3 credit hours\)](#) **or**
- [MATH 108 - Quantitative Reasoning Preparation \(4 credit hours\)](#)

- [ENG 111 - English Composition I \(3 credit hours\)](#)

- [COM 111 - Public Speaking \(3 credit hours\)](#) **or**
- [COM 170 - Interpersonal Communication \(3 credit hours\)](#)

Program Requirements: 21 Credit Hours

- [CIS 100 - Introduction To Computers \(3 credit hours\)](#)
- [CIS 120 - Introduction To PC Operating Systems \(3 credit hours\)](#)
- [IT 101 - Network+ \(3 credit hours\)](#) *
- [IT 112 - Windows Workstations \(2 credit hours\)](#) *
- [IT 199 - Help Desk Internship \(4 credit hours\)](#) *
- [IT 222 - Network Security Fundamentals \(3 credit hours\)](#) *
- [OAS 252 - Microsoft Office For Windows \(3 credit hours\)](#)

Note:

*Open Entry: North Central offers Computer Networking (IT) courses in an "open entry" format. This means you may, with instructor approval, sign up for a class designated as "OE" after the standard drop/add date. The open entry format enables you to work at your own pace. With the instructor's permission, you may register for and begin additional OE courses no later than the end of the 12th week of the semester. Immediate payment will be expected upon enrollment and all OE courses for which you have registered must be completed by the end of the semester. Financial aid restrictions may apply.

All IT courses are scheduled as TBA. This means "to be arranged" and indicates they are self-paced courses. You should see your professor the first week of the semester to set up your personal timetable.