

Career Studies Certificates

The IST Program consists of a number of career studies options that focus on a specific career field in information technology (IT). These programs are appropriate for students earning the IST degree as a means of satisfying the IT electives to obtain a specialized, focus area of expertise.

The career studies certificates listed here provide students with opportunities to gain skills in designing, building, testing and maintaining Web pages, links and interfaces to Web-enabled applications; designing, implementing, troubleshooting and maintaining databases; and/or designing, installing, administering and repairing computer networks.

Before entering a career studies program, students should have a strong foundation in using computer applications (ITE 115 course description in the back of this catalog). Students should also have a strong foundation in computer concepts to include database fundamentals, Internet and networking fundamentals, operating systems, software design and computer hardware troubleshooting prior to beginning the program. The "Information Technology Foundations" career studies certificate is designed to provide this fundamental background. Students that already have prior experience or coursework in the related IT field should consult with an academic advisor for possible wavier or advanced placement.

Courses in a career studies certificate program that are not already required in the IST degree can be applied as "Approved IT Electives" in the degree program in consultation with your advisor.

To satisfy the IST degree requirements, students are encouraged to select courses within the "Specialist" career studies certificate and then, when appropriate, continue within the "Professional" career studies certificate for a specific area. Students must also formally complete an "Application for Graduation" for both the Career Studies Certificates and the degree upon completion of the courses required for the CSC and the degree upon graduation.

The courses in the Career Studies Certificate programs are directly related to the IST degree. Students should refer to semester in which a particular course is offered in the degree curriculum for guidance as to when courses are generally offered. Courses appearing in either the first or third semester are typically offered in the fall semester. Courses appearing in either the second or fourth semesters are typically offered in the spring semester.

Information Technology Foundations

ITE	120	Principles of Information Systems	3
ITP	100	Software Design	3
ITD	130	Database Fundamentals	3
ITN	109	Internet and Network Foundations	3
ITD	110	Web Page Design I	3
ITN	106	Microcomputer Operating Systems	3
ITP	160	Introduction to Game Design and Development	3
SDV	101	Orientation to IT Professions	1
		Total	22

Database Administration Specialist

ITD	130	Database Fundamentals	3
ITD	132	Structured Query Language	3
ITD	134	PL/SQL Programming	3
ITD	250	Database Architecture and Administration	3
ITP	100	Software Design	3
SDV	101	Orientation to IT Professions	1
		Total	16

Networking Specialist

ITN	106	Microcomputer Operating Systems	3
ITN	107	Personal Computer Hardware and Troubleshooting	3
ITN	109	Internet and Network Foundations	3
ITN	200	Administration of Network Resources	3
ITN	260	Network Security Basics	3
SDV	101	Orientation to IT Professions	1
		Total	16

Networking Engineering Professional*

ITN	120	Wireless Network Administration	3
ITN	170	Linux System Administration	3
ITN	201	Network Infrastructure Administration, Management and Planning	3
		Total	9

*NOTE: Students should complete the course work in the networking specialist career studies certificate or have equivalent job-related experience before entering into the networking engineering professional career studies certificate program.

Web Design Specialist

ITD	110	Web Page Design I	3
ITD	112	Designing Web Page Graphics	3
ITD	130	Database Fundamentals	3
ITD	210	Web Page Design II	3
ITN	109	Internet and Network Foundations	3
SDV	101	Orientation to IT Professions	1
		Total	16

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Web Applications Development Professional*

ITD	132	Structured Query Language	3
ITD	220	E-Commerce Administration	3
ITN	224	Web Server Management	3
ITN	260	Network Security Basics	3
ITP	225	Web Scripting Languages	4
		Total	16

*NOTE: Students should complete the course work in the web design specialist career studies certificate or have equivalent job-related experience before entering into the Web application development professional career studies certificate program.

Cyber Security

ITN	260	Network Security Basics	3
ITN	261	Network Attacks, Computer Crime, and Hacking	3
ITN	262	Security Communication, Security, and Authentication	3
ITN	263	Internet/Intranet Firewalls and E-Commerce Security	3
ITN	267	Legal Topics in Network Security	3
SDV	101	Orientation to the IT Professions	1
		Total	16