When it comes to certifications that help IT professionals build a foundation for a flourishing career in networking, CompTIA Network+ is the best. While other certifications, such as the new Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), cover networking skills, they just can’t beat CompTIA Network+ for baseline skills. Here are 4 reasons why we think CompTIA Network+ outshines other certifications for IT pros looking to start a career.

4 Reasons Why CompTIA Network+ Beats the New CCNA

**Prepares IT Pros for Specific Job Roles**

Provides thorough knowledge of networking and important networking skills needed for specific job roles:

- Network Field Technician
- Network Administrator
- Network Field Engineer
- Help Desk Technician
- Systems Engineer
- Network Analyst

**Trusted Validation of Skills**

Is well-known and respected by employers as a certification designed to advance the IT industry and give IT pros the skills they need to work on any products.

**Focuses on the Skills Needed for Cisco Solutions**

Trains candidates to work with Cisco’s tools and products exclusively, which limits their networking capabilities.

**Provides Technical Skills Plus Essential Business Skills**

In addition to ensuring IT pros possess critical, multi-vendor networking skills, CompTIA Network+ also provides business skills demanded by today’s workplace.

**Offers Technical Skills Only**

The new CCNA provides candidates with technical skills but doesn’t pair them with business skills, such as change management, incident management, and troubleshooting.

Ready to take the first step toward earning CompTIA Network+?

Download the exam objectives to get started.