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CWNE # 192

What is your level of industry experience?

Ten years within the Wi-Fi industry, holding all positions within a products lifecycle including post-sales, professional services and pre-sales activities. Initial experience in outdoor point-to-point and then moving into enterprise indoor Wi-Fi.

Where did you receive your training/education?

I received my education in networking at Staffordshire University between 2006-2010. This included CCNA and CCNP routing and switching.

When did you first become interested in wireless?

I first became interested in wireless networking whilst studying at University. However, my first hands-on experience started with my first role at a Value Added Reseller while maintaining an outdoor rural wireless-broadband network.

What certifications do you currently hold?

CWNE, Fortinet NSE 1-7

Why did you choose the CWNE path?

The wireless industry had a shortage of specialists in the UK and I, therefore, felt the urge to learn more and distinguish myself from my peers.

How long have you been involved in the CWNP certification process?

5+ years

What was the hardest part of the whole process and how did you overcome it?

The hardest part was the CWNE application process. I had several existing CWNEs that helped me through the process and provided crucial guidance.

What would you say to anyone considering a CWNE designation?

If you wish to achieve the CWNE accreditation, start the application requirements (blog posts etc.) whilst talking the professional certifications. This will help with your learning, whilst also achieving some of the CWNE application requirements.

What value will your CWNE provide to you, your clients, and/or your company?

It provides industry recognition whilst the Continued Education credits allow me to keep abreast of the lastest wireless developments.

To whom would you recommend the CWNE program?

To anyone who wishes to further progress their knowledge in the wireless space.