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When did you become interested in wireless?

I've always been fascinated in wireless from a young age because it is one of the oldest form of communication.

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

I've been involved in CWNP for the last two years and have worked my way up through the various certifications. I've pushed hard to get to where I am today.

Uist of certifications currently held?

I currently hold a CWNE, CCIE, CCDP, CCNP, and ACMP.

What motivated you to work toward a CWNE certification?

I wanted to demonstrate my overall knowledge of wireless and I enjoyed the challenge of achieving the most prestigious wireless certification in the industry. I loved learning about all of the micro details of wireless and mastering the nuances of design and troubleshooting. Above all, I wanted to become one of the most sought-after consultants to wireless network enterprises.

What parts of becoming certified do you feel are most important?

Work, study, and practical experience. While the journey of preparing for the certification exams was enjoyable, getting hands on experience was eye opening and allowed me to apply book knowledge in a real world context.

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

The most difficult part was the study time involved. I had to make a number of personal sacrifices and devote a lot of my free time to preparing for my CWNE. But I can honestly say that every minute of it was worth it.

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Mow has this journey impacted your life?

I have been able to take my skills to the next level and achieve a higher level of understanding. All of which is leading to better opportunities.

Who would you suggest the CWNE program to?

I would suggest this to any network engineer that is interested in learning how 802.11 protocols truly work.



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BIO

Adrian started his career over 15 years ago as a Wireless Technician. He began working on wireless base stations in the military and was later offered a position as a Network Administrator, implementing wireless and LAN solutions for public safety organizations.

In addition, Adrian has assisted campus law enforcement departments in resolving lost and found issues by tracking thieves' location through the implementation of Voicera and location tracking solution.

In recent years, Adrian's focus has been on designing, building, configuring and testing wireless and datacenter architecture, with a security focus across multiple layers. He possesses the unique ability to drive business initiatives and increase sales pipelines by leveraging technology and business development plans as well as partner relationships.

He currently works as a Senior Wireless Architect at World Wide Technology, Tampa, Florida, where he is responsible for the design, innovation, delivery, and orchestration of the SOCCOM global wireless network. Adrian holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia College as well as several renowned wireless networking certifications. One of his greatest accomplishments has been obtaining the wireless industry's highest level wireless certification, making him CWNE #166.