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CWNE #140

### » Why are you interested in wireless?

Wireless networking has become very popular in the last few years. The number of wireless devices has been grown “exponentially”; and now it is considered critical in the enterprise. Wireless has shown to substantially increase productivity everywhere. With new applications come new challenges such as BYOD, and security. What interests me is that each wireless design poses different challenges and every industry (health care, education, retail, etc.) has different needs from wireless. Every opportunity is a chance to discover a new way to fit this increasingly necessary service to traditional networks.

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

I started in 2013 with the CWTS exam. At the same time, I was pursuing the Cisco Wireless Certification track. I found that the material from the CWNP certification made my preparation for the Cisco exams a lot easier.

### » List of certifications currently held?

I currently hold the HPE Master Accredited Solutions Expert, Cisco CCNP wireless, Aruba ACMP, Meraki CMNA, and CWNE (CWNE#140) certifications.

### » What motivated you to become certified?

I used to participate in an increasing number of wireless projects. Aside from my interest in wireless, I decided it would be beneficial to be up to date on all the wireless standards and best practices.

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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

Becoming certified allows you to understand the theory behind wireless. Along with real work experience, this gives you the knowledge that's expected for a wireless professional. I believe all of these aspects are equally important.

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

The hardest part was finding the time to study and get ready for the exams. Luckily, I was working on several wireless projects while pursuing the CWNP certification. That gave me the opportunity to apply all the concepts and best practices on a daily basis while contributing to the projects.

## 📶 How has this journey impacted your life?

This journey has impacted my life in a very positive way. I have gained knowledge and tools that I use every day at work to deal with the challenges that wireless brings.

## 📶 Who would you suggest the CWNE program to?

I would suggest the CWNP certification program to anyone working in the wireless industry. From my experience, I know it provides a strong technical foundation to successfully deploy and troubleshoot wireless networks in different environments in real life.



## BIO

Claudia graduated with a bachelor's degree in Systems Engineering from the District University in Bogota, Colombia. After graduating in 2002, her first step into the networking industry was completing her Cisco CCNA.

Claudia worked as a Datacenter Engineer and Network Administrator before moving to Canada in 2007. After moving to Canada, she started to work as a Field Engineer focusing on servers and networking.

In 2010, Claudia joined Telecom Computer as a Network Engineer in a consulting role where her interest in wireless started to grow. She got involved in large wireless projects in the Toronto and southern Ontario area, specializing in education and enterprise.

Claudia completed her CWNE certification (CWNE#140), and has wireless certifications from other vendors which include Aruba, Cisco, and Meraki.