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### » 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 substantially and is considered as the access layer of the future. During my work experience, I got introduced to network technologies that were instantly hooked me when I bought my first Cisco Press book. This prompted me to plan for a string of certifications that would eventually bring me to the place where I am today.

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

My involvement with CWNP started in June 2014 with the certification of CWNA. I became CWNE after clearing a total of four certifications within a one and half year time period.

### » List of certifications currently held?

I currently hold the certificates of CWNE, CCIE, CCNP R&S, CCDP, SWSE, and CMNA.

### » What motivated you to work toward a CWNE certification?

I wanted to become certified to know as much as possible and to build the best performing wireless infrastructures. I also wanted to prove to myself that I was able to set high goals and achieve them.

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

After becoming certified, I feel that I have gained enough knowledge to provide strong solutions to my customers.

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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

The hardest part of this process was to set life and friends aside for long periods of time. I had to make a number of personal sacrifices and devote a lot of time in attaining my CWNE.

## ») **How has this journey impacted your life?**

About eight years ago, I was not clear about my goals, and I was not in a position to decide about my career. Today with eight years of experience in network technologies covering a broad range of vertical domains, including pharmaceutical, financial and health care, I have a world of options.

## ») **Who would you suggest the CWNE program to?**

I suggest this training course to those who show an interest in the networking and mobility technologies.

## BIO

Thomas started his career in Information Technology eight years ago by gaining his first insights as a Tech Supporter at a Danish Financial Institute. His tasks varied from helping users with devices or applications over phone, e-mail, or supporting them onsite.

Thomas gained experience from working in different positions from network operations to the project implementation. Working closely with company stakeholders and by adding value to their line of business, is part of his motivation.

Freedom has always been a goal of Thomas. That is why he currently challenges himself as a Freelance Consultant, a digital nomad. Thomas holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Denmark as well as his networking certifications. One of his greatest accomplishments has been obtaining the wireless industry's highest wireless certification, making him CWNE #165.