

CWNE® - Application

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

Thank you for your interest in applying for the CWNE certification. The fact that you qualify to become a CWNE professional shows that you have accomplished a great deal in the IT world. This completed application will serve as your submission to the CWNP Board of Advisers of your credentials for the CWNE certification.



The CWNE application should not be regarded casually. The application process is designed to grant CWNE status to those that have demonstrated wireless expertise in the enterprise, in addition to your passing the required certification exams. Passing the exams alone is not enough to earn the CWNE credential. The application process is extensive and the review is thorough. Applications with missing or poorly documented information will not be considered.

The requirements for the CWNE certification are:

1. **Exams:** Candidate must pass the certification exams for CWNA, CWSP, CWAP and CWDP. Each required certification must be valid at the time you submit your CWNE application.
2. **Experience:** A minimum of three years of verifiable, documented, full-time professional work experience related to enterprise Wi-Fi networks. Experience may be documented with a standard resume/CV. This experience may include pre- or post-sales engineering, consulting or support services, or instructing experience in:
 - Enterprise Wi-Fi Administration
 - Enterprise Wi-Fi Security
 - Enterprise Wi-Fi Protocol Analysis
 - Enterprise Wi-Fi Quality of Service
3. **Endorsements:** Three endorsement forms from people familiar with your enterprise Wi-Fi work history are required. Please distribute copies of Exhibit A and notify your references that they should expect to be contacted shortly after our receipt of your application.
4. **Three requirements documented on the next page:** The following three, additional requirements must be met by the CWNE candidate:
 - Publication (in print, online or internal to your organization)
 - Three technical essays
 - Two current, non-CWNP, networking, security, design, or network analysis certifications.
5. **Agreement with the CWNE Code of Ethics:** You must agree with the CWNE Code of Ethics and commit to adhering to them in order to acquire and maintain a CWNE certification. The Code of Ethics can be found here: www.cwnp.com/uploads/cwne-code-of-ethics-v1.pdf
6. **Recertification:** The CWNE certification is valid for a period of 3 years. CWNE professionals are required to maintain their level of expertise according to the process outlined in the CWNE Continuing Education (CE) Program Details. See website for more details.

CWNE Application Requirements

Note: All three of the following items are required.

1. Publishing of one of the following on an 802.11 topic (for evaluation of explanatory ability related to technical knowledge):

- One published Wi-Fi whitepaper (10+ pages, to be reviewed by CWNP)
- One published Wi-Fi book (with ISBN)
- One recorded (video) instructional presentation
- A published Wi-Fi article in excess of 1000 words
- Regularly updated blog (at least six 802.11-related posts)
- Other writing projects must be pre-approved to be considered, CWNP often makes writing projects available to those seeking CWNE status to assist in meeting this requirement

2. Three (3) Wi-Fi Project Documentation essays. Each item must be a not shorter than 500 and not longer than 1000 word essay demonstrating:

- Your valuable participation in, or leadership of, enterprise Wi-Fi implementation or reparation projects showing problem resolution capabilities
- Proper use of 802.11/WLAN vernacular
- An in-depth understanding of complex WLAN topics
- Accomplishments in design, installation, and configuration of 802.11 networks

3. Two (2) current, valid networking, security, design, or network analysis certifications from non-CWNP certification providers (vendor-neutral or vendor-specific) in any of the topics below.

- Network Technologies (VoIP, General Networking, etc.)
- Routing/Switching
- Security
- Protocol Analysis
- Radio Frequency (non-WLAN, for example, LTE, Zigbee, Ham Radio)
- Network Design

CWNE professional experience may also include:

- Work requiring 802.11/WLAN education (training)
- Work requiring habitual memory of 802.11 topics shared with others doing similar work
- Management of projects and/or other employees involving 802.11 hardware and/or software
- Work requiring creative writing and oral communication on 802.11 topics
- Teaching, instructing, training and the mentoring of others on 802.11 topics
- Research and development on 802.11 technologies and systems

CWNE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to make sure your application is complete. The application review process is started when all required information has been received.

- I hold valid CWSP, CWAP, and CWDP certifications
- I have completed the application for the CWNE certification
- I have a minimum of **three (3) years** of verifiable, documented 802.11/WLAN experience (please attach documentation, for example, resume/CV)
- I have three (3) letters of endorsement, and my endorsers are available to be contacted for verification (please attach)
- I have met the publication requirements according to the CWNE application (please attach documentation, or provide links)
- I have written and attached three technical essays of not more than 1000 words and not less than 500 words.
- I understand that all materials submitted, including project documentation, become the property of CWNP, LLC.

Please complete the attached form and email it and all other documentation to **cwne@cwnp.com**. Use a cloud-based storage provider that allows you to share the files with us if the entire application set is more than 10 megabytes.

Please allow at least 30 days for the processing of your application. In this time we may contact your references, validate your work history, and may ask you further questions about documented projects.

Candidates whose applications are approved will receive a confirmation email and instructions for acquiring their certificate and maintaining their CWNE professional status.

Applicants who are not approved are encouraged to reapply after addressing any deficiencies in their application. Candidates may reapply after three (3) months from the date of notification that their CWNE application has not been approved.

Application Note: Please pay very careful attention to your application. CWNP takes this application process very seriously and expects applicants to do so as well. Deficient applications will be rejected without a second review process until three months have passed. Ensure you have met and submitted all application criteria.

CWNE Applicant Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Twitter (optional): _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____

ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country _____

Your CWNP ID Number: _____

Certifications Earned:

Certifying Body

- ISC²
- CompTIA
- Cisco
- Other (Please specify)

Certification Id/Number

Technical Experience

Please provide title and description of your position responsibilities. Section may remain blank if attaching a resume/CV.

Dates (mm/yy) Your Job Title and a brief description of your work in this role

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Project Documentation

On a separate piece of paper, TYPE (do not write) in detail three different enterprise wireless networking projects on which you have worked. Each project description should be at least 500 words in length, but not more than 1000 words. The examples you supply will be judged on their technical merit, and you may receive questions via email asking for additional technical information. Please be specific regarding your knowledge of 802.11 WLAN technology. Please do not copy-and-paste from vendor literature. Such plagiarized applications will not be approved.

Discuss the following in your examples:

- How the knowledge you gained from the CWNP certifications was applied to the project.
- Products used, including hardware and software, and why they were chosen.
- Your role in the project (decision maker, purchaser, installer, designer, etc.).
- Security requirements of the project, why they were chosen, and how they were implemented.
- The design of the wireless network and how it met the needs of the users.
- Your biggest technical challenge on the project and how you overcame it.

Signature Page for Applicant

By signing on the line below, I agree that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Exhibit A: CWNE Applicant Endorsement Form

Please type, or legibly print in ink. Sign and email form to: cwne@cwnp.com



Candidate Information

Name: _____

CWNP ID: _____

Endorser Information

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Endorsement

I, _____, hereby state that I am (select):

- CWNE Certification # _____
- Licensed As _____
License# _____ Licensing Body _____
- Commissioned As _____
Commission# _____ Commission Body _____
- Certified As _____
Certification# _____ Certifying Body _____
- Candidates Employer, Manager or Co-Worker Position Title: _____

and knowledgeable of, and in good standing within, the wireless networking profession. I hereby affirm that I know, or have researched and reviewed the work history and experience, reputation, and criminal history of the above-mentioned candidate and find that s/he meets the requirements of a CWNE as prescribed by the CWNP Program. Based upon my findings, I hereby endorse the above referenced candidate for the position of Certified Wireless Network Expert (CWNE).

Submitted this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of endorser: _____