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CWNE # 369

What is your level of industry experience?

Have been working in the Wi-Fi industry for 10+ years

Where did you receive your training/education?

A mixture of classroom-based training and online videos.

When did you first become interested in wireless?

When I started working in on Wi-Fi support helpdesk and getting exposure to go and shadow Wi-Fi engineers whilst they used Ekahau to do Wi-Fi site surveys.

What certifications do you currently hold?

CWNE #369, CWNT, CWNA, CWDP, CWSP, CWAP, CCNA R&S + Wireless, ECSE Design, Mist Master, CMNA, Ruckus Wise.

Why did you choose the CWNE path?

I believed that being a CWNE is recognized as one of the top certifications in the industry

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

Since 2015.

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

CWAP for me was the hardest as I had not done much packet analysis before, so I spent 6 months self-studying every day with online videos from CWNP & then I attended a Peter MacKenzie training course.

What would you say to anyone considering a CWNE designation?

Go for it - it is a lot of hard work but it is also extremely satisfying & I personally had a lot of fun on the way. From attending amazing classes with Peter Mackenzie to attending WLPC conferences & engaging with the wireless community to help build my skills.

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

Confidence & the reassurance that I know what I am talking about when engaging with a client - as well as credibility from achieving such a prestigious certification which currently less than 400 people in the world hold.

To whom would you recommend the CWNE program?

Anyone who is interested in designing, implementing or troubleshooting wireless. No matter what level you are - set some clear goals & timelines for what you want to achieve - then go for it!