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CWNE
#375

What is your level of industry experience?

I have worked in multiple different industries, warehousing, healthcare, enterprise, manufacturing, education, hospitality.

Where did you receive your training/education?

I attended one of those technical schools in Queens, NY in 2000. It was a 9 month course teaching some basics of networking, computer repair and Windows 2000. After that mostly I have been self studying, lots of lab work, attended a couple of boot camps.

When did you first become interested in wireless?

I became interested in wireless back in 2009 first while working for a health care related company. We were migrating towards electronics health records and Wi-Fi was a crucial piece of that migration.

What certifications do you currently hold?

CWNE #375, JNCIA-SEC, JNCIA-JUNOS, JNCIS-MistAI, JNCIA-MistAI, CWTS, CCNA, CCNA Wireless, CWNA, CWAP, CWSP, CWDP, ACSA, Wireless Adjuster II, A+, Net+

Why did you choose the CWNE path?

I knew about the CWNE path and was interested in it for a long time. I was always intimidated and scared to pursue it thinking I didn't know enough. One day I was having lunch with some coworkers and one of them encouraged me to get my CWNA. After I passed my CWNA, I realized how much more I have been able to learn, it made me realize the value of the CWNP certification path not only for myself, but also for my customers.

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

I got involved in the CWNP Certification process back in 2019. I hope to continue increasing my wireless knowledge. CWISE, ACSP, CCNP, Python, Automation are some of my goals. I would love to be able to be one of the keynote speakers at the CWNP wireless conference so that I can share my experience and skill with the wireless community.

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

Balancing work, family and studying. There were times when I would get over whelmed, exhausted. I would at times take a step back from studying and give my mind a break, go hiking or grill, watch a movie. For me short breaks between different tests were helpful.

What would you say to anyone considering a CWNE designation?

I highly suggest understanding the material well, get hands on and actual field experience, don't shy away from taking on challenging tickets when you are working, learn how to utilize the resources around you. Join the WLAN Pros Slack group, blog about technical content, setup a lab, do frame captures and packet capture dedicated time to learn them. Do not limit your knowledge just to Wi-Fi, as a good WLAN engineer it will greatly benefit you to also learn other technologies.

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

Good career path which will benefit me and my family
Good solution and troubleshooting skills for the clients
Ability to showcase my skills for the clients; increase client loyalty and satisfaction.

To whom would you recommend the CWNE program?

Anyone who is interested in Wi-Fi and/or works with Wi-Fi.