Frequently Asked Questions: CCNP Version 6.0

Q. How is the new Cisco CCNP® curriculum structured? A. The new CCNP v6.0 curriculum has three courses that fully align with the three new CCNP certification exams: CCNP Route, CCNP Switch, and CCNP Troubleshoot. The courses are semester long, 70-hour courses. Course components include hands-on lab activities, case studies, chapter exams, a final exam, and a skills based exam. Unlike other Cisco Networking Academy® courses, the CCNP courses will not have the traditional GUI-based curriculum. It is replaced by a Cisco® Press textbook. Q. Why is the online curriculum being replaced by a book? A. Networking Academy wanted the CCNP curriculum update to coincide with the release of the new certification exams to help ensure that the curriculum is relevant to the needs of students and academies. To optimize development time and resources, we decided to replace the resource- and time-intensive development of online course content with textbooks. This decision allowed us to focus on the development of other course components that are highly valued by the CCNP community. **Q. How will Networking Academy guarantee the alignment of the textbooks with other course components? A.** All course components, including the books, are part of an instructional design that guarantees their consistency and alignment. We are working in close collaboration with Cisco Press to help ensure that the study guides traditionally published by Cisco Press align with the Networking Academy CCNP courses. Q. Will the books be available in electronic forms A. Yes, Cisco Press will make all books available in electronic format. **Q. What are the prerequisites for the new CCNP 6.0 couses? A.** Please refer to the following table. Please note that although no prerequisites are indicated for CCNP Switch,

Course	Prerequisites
Switch	None
Route	None Recommended: Switch or BCMSN
Troubleshoot	BCMSN and either BSCI or Route -or- Switch and either BSCI or Route

all CCNP courses presume knowledge at the Cisco CCNA® routing and switching level. **Q. What type of instructor training will be required to teach the new CCNP 6.0 curriculum? A.** The following table summarizes the training requirements for CCNP. All instructors will need to complete instructor training to teach CCNP Troubleshoot, regardless of their current training status. Instructors who are currently certified to teach both CCNP: BSCI and CCNP: BCMSN will not require any additional training to teach the CCNP Route and CCNP Switch courses.

Instructor Training Status	Training Required?		
	Route	Switch	Troubleshoot
All CCNP	No	No	Yes
BCMSN and BSCI	No	No	Yes
BCMSN only	Yes	No	Yes
BSCI only	No	Yes	Yes
None of the above	Yes	Yes	Yes

Q. Who will offer instructor training? A. Instructor training will be offered by CCNP CATCs and regional academies (where applicable). Please check with your support academy for the availability of instructor training classes. **Q. Will instructor training be offered remotely? A.** CATCs and regional academies are strongly encouraged to offer Blended Distance Learning options for CCNP instructor training. A list of options will be published when available. **Q. When will be the current CCNP 5.0 courses be retired? A.** To facilitate a smooth transition, the CCNP 5.0 curriculum will be available for one year after the release of the new courses. However, all academies are encouraged to migrate to CCNP 6.0 as soon as possible to take advantage of the new curriculum. The end of availability dates are March 2011 for ISCW and OCN, and June 2011 for BSCI and BCMSN. **Q. Will students be able to continue to take the current CCNP certification exams? A.** As has been the policy in the past, Cisco will provide Net Academy students with an extension to take the current certification exams for a limited period after Cisco has retired the exams for the general public. We will provide further details in January 2010. **Q. What equipment bundles will be required to teach the new CCNP curriculum A.** Lab equipment topologies will be published after they are finalized by the development team. Academies should be able to use most of their current equipment. **Q. Will NETLAB support the new CCNP lab activities A.** Yes. All lab activities are being designed to be remote enabled using NDG's NETLAB. Official Statement