

Global Knowledge Releases the Cisco 360 Learning Program for CCIE Routing and Switching to Worldwide Customers

Participation in the Proof-of-Concept and Pilot of the Cisco 360 Learning Program Drives Training Excellence for Those Seeking Cisco's Highest Ranking Certification

Cary, NC, London, and Dubai—November 6, 2008—Global Knowledge, the worldwide leader in IT and Business training, today announced the immediate availability of the new Cisco® 360 Learning Program for CCIE® Routing and Switching for customers in North America and EMEA.

The Cisco 360 Learning Program for CCIE Routing and Switching is designed to accelerate education, training, and certification of networking professionals. Cisco customers' and partners' network engineers will utilize the expert-level training to manage and troubleshoot advanced networks and apply the skills they acquire to achieve the CCIE Routing and Switching certification while providing exceptional value in managing their employers' networks.

“Global Knowledge is proud to be the first Learning Solutions Partner to release the new Cisco CCIE training to the world market,” said Joseph Cece, Global Knowledge CEO. “We believe it speaks volumes about our strong and worldwide relationship with Cisco, our global footprint for training, and our proven ability to delivery exceptional training to customers and partners of Cisco who seek to achieve the highest level of Cisco certification,” he added.

The Cisco 360 Learning Program for CCIE Routing and Switching offers a mix of e-Learning, classroom learning, remote lab access, and mentoring. “The blended learning approach helps our students acquire skills and ultimately achieve CCIE certification success through the courseware, one-on-one mentoring from industry experts, and specially-designed remote access labs that provide a real-world practice environment for optimal learning,” said Richard Pryor-Jones, President, Global Knowledge EMEA.

In the pilot phase, Global Knowledge was appointed by Cisco to support the Global Talent Acceleration Program (GTAP) in Jordan and India by training newly-graduated engineers to become Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) engineers—skills that will enable them to continue their work in TAC centers in Amman and India. “The graduates of our Cisco GTAP program will be the first to enroll in the CCIE 360 Learning Program, a vigorous four-to-six month path to network expertise and CCIE certification, slated to begin as early as November,” said Melad Ghabrial, Global Knowledge Managing Director for the Middle East and Africa.

“We’re applying our vast resources to deliver this flexible and holistic approach to skills acquisition and, ultimately, certification success for all CCIE candidates,” said Michael Fox, Senior Vice President, Global Knowledge. “As a collaborative and supportive Cisco Learning Solutions Partner, we’re often tapped to develop new content and courses for students seeking both official Cisco accreditation and professional IT skills development for basic and advanced technologies,” he added.

Global Knowledge delivers a full schedule of Cisco courses in more than 14 countries across the US, Canada, and EMEA, Learn more about our **Cisco 360 Learning Program for CCIE Routing and Switching** www.globalknowledge.com/CCIE or www.globalknowledge.net.

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