

Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

**Course Prefix and Number:** CTEC 155

**Credit Hours:** 3-3-0

**Course Title:** Network Essentials

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Textbook(s):** West/Dean/Andrews - LMS Integrated for MindTap® Computing, 1 term (6 months) Printed Access Card for West/Andrews' Network+ Guide to Networks, 8th  
ISBN: 9781337569422

**Software:** In addition to the textbook, this course will use the MindTap® Computing which helps prepare for the CompTIA Net+ Certification. The online training program is provided and ends with the MindTap® Computing post assessment in preparation for the CompTIA Net+ Certification.

**Course Description:** Develop fundamental networking skills including an understanding of network hardware, installation, security, and troubleshooting in a corporate environment. Through classroom and hands-on activities, learn how computers exchange information and how the Internet functions. In addition, this class will help students gain the skills required for the nationally recognized CompTIA Network+ certification exam.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the student will:

- A. demonstrate a basic knowledge of networking terms used in the field;
- B. configure basic networking on a windows-based platform;
- C. recognize and correct common networking problems; and
- D. demonstrate an understanding of basic network security.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will or will be able to:

(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)

1. explain the functions and applications of various network devices (A);
2. compare and contrast the use of networking services and applications (A);
3. install and configure networking services/applications (B);
4. explain the characteristics and benefits of various WAN technologies (A);
5. install and properly terminate various cable types and connectors using appropriate tools (B);
6. differentiate between common network topologies (A);
7. differentiate between network infrastructure implementations (A);
8. given a scenario, implement and configure the appropriate addressing schema (A,B);
9. explain the basics of routing concepts and protocols (A);
10. identify the basic elements of unified communication technologies (A);

11. compare and contrast technologies that support cloud and virtualization (A);
12. given a set of requirements, implement a basic network (A,B);
13. given a scenario, use appropriate monitoring tools (B);
14. given a scenario, analyze metrics and reports from monitoring and tracking performance tools (C);
15. given a scenario, use appropriate resources to support configuration management (B,C);
16. explain the importance of implementing network segmentation (A);
17. given a scenario, install and apply patches and updates (B);
18. given a scenario, configure a switch using proper features (B);
19. install and configure wireless LAN infrastructure and implement the appropriate technologies in support of wireless capable devices (B);
20. compare and contrast risk related concepts (A,D);
21. compare and contrast common network vulnerabilities and threats (A,D);
22. given a scenario, implement network hardening techniques (D);
23. compare and contrast physical security controls (D);
24. given a scenario, install and configure a basic firewall (B,D);
25. explain the purpose of various network access control models (A,D);
26. summarize basic forensic concepts (D);
27. given a scenario, implement network troubleshooting methodology (C);
28. given a scenario, analyze and interpret the output of troubleshooting tools (C);
29. given a scenario, troubleshoot and resolve common wireless issues (C);
30. given a scenario, troubleshoot and resolve common copper cable issues (C);
31. given a scenario, troubleshoot and resolve common fiber cable issues (C);
32. given a scenario, troubleshoot and resolve common network issues (C);
33. given a scenario, troubleshoot and resolve common security issues (C);
34. given a scenario, troubleshoot and resolve common WAN issues (C);
35. analyze a scenario and determine the corresponding OSI layer (A);
36. explain the basics of network theory and concepts (A);
37. given a scenario, deploy the appropriate wireless standard (A,B);
38. given a scenario, deploy the appropriate wired connectivity standard (A,B);
39. given a scenario, implement the appropriate policies or procedures (A,B);
40. summarize safety practices (A);
41. given a scenario, install and configure equipment in the appropriate location using best practices (B);
42. explain the basics of change management procedures (A);
43. compare and contrast ports and protocols (A); and
44. given a scenario, configure and apply the appropriate ports and protocols (B).

### **Course Requirements:**

1. A student must successfully complete the course with an average of 70% or above on the combined learning outcomes.
2. Each student is expected to attend classes regularly; excessive unexcused absences constitute grounds for suspension (refer to the student handbook for attendance policies).

**Course Grading Scale:**

A = 90 - 100  
B = 80 - 89  
C = 70 - 79  
D = 60 - 69  
F = 0 - 59

**Attendance Policy:** The college attendance policy is available at <http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html>

**Course Fees:** This course is accompanied with an additional non-refundable fee for supplemental materials, laboratory supplies, software licenses, certification exams, and/or clinical fees.

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