

Students interested in studying computer networking and telecommunications in St. Louis, MO, have only a few schools to choose from. Read about the top local school's degree programs and tuition info to find the right one for you.

### !!!School and Ranking Information

The majority of schools that offer programs in networking and telecommunications within 25 miles of St. Louis are 2-year, public schools. The following school is the top local institution for these programs because of labs, facilities and varied programs.

\*\_\_Winner:\_\_ If you want to study computer networking and telecommunications technology in Missouri, St. Louis Community College's Forest Park Campus offers a relevant Associate in Applied Science program and certificate programs.

### !!!School Info Chart

Category	St. Louis Community College
__Location__	<i>St. Louis, MO</i>
__School Type__	<i>2-year; public</i>
	<i>Graduate: \$2,940 (in-district); \$4,320 (in-state); \$5,970 (out-of-state)*</i>
__Tuition & Fees (2013–2014)__	
__Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications Degrees Offered__	<i>Certificate; Associate's</i>
__Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications Degrees Awarded (all levels) in 2013__	<i>6*</i>
__Most Popular Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications Degree Level in 2013__	<i>Certificate*</i>
__Undergraduate Graduation Rate (in 150% of normal degree time) for 2007 Entering Class__	<i>10%*</i>
	<i>The Forest Park Campus is an official Cisco Networking Academy**</i>
__Noteworthy__	

*"Sources: \*NCES College Navigator, \*\*St. Louis Community College"*

### !!!St. Louis Community College-Forest Park

\*The Center for Emerging and Advanced Information Technology offers skills-driven education in design, implementation and support of current and emerging computer networking and of communications technologies

\*The Forest Park Campus is a certified Microsoft IT Academy

\*Students who complete four semesters at the Cisco Academy are eligible for the Cisco Certified Network Associate certification; eight semesters of study, plus exam completion, leads to certification as a Cisco Certified Network Professional

The Forest Park Campus of St. Louis Community College is nestled among cultural and educational centers like the Saint Louis University High School and the St. Louis Science Center.

Students in the Associate in Applied Science in Information Systems take 66-67 credit hours. Students interested in networking can specialize in network engineering. Students within that specialization can then focus in one of three areas: servers, infrastructure or security. Classes emphasize how to select hardware and software, plan the physical layout, design local and wide area networks and optimize and manage the network.

The Certificate of Proficiency in Network Engineering program requires 35 credit hours. Course subjects include hardware and software support, local area networks, UNIX/Linux, data communications, network design and network security.

The 21-credit telecommunications engineering technology certificate introduces students to the basics of telecommunications technology. Students take courses in circuitry, analog and digital electronics and IBM computer repair.

The Cisco Network Academy training program is standardized across the nation. Four semesters of approximately 280 hours of instruction provide students with a foundation in networking using Cisco equipment.