Hello everyone.

I would, most certainly, consider myself as a junior system administrator. I had never held a position in IT, though I had worked alongside IT personnel when I was a systems technician for SBC (formerly Southwestern Bell, now AT&T). There are many things one may do to prepare for a position in IT. The most important, in my opinion, is to practice. Experiment at home with your home network settings by setting up static IPs on some devices, exploring different DNS services, and tweaking VPN settings (if you have one). Set up virtual machines using VMWare or VirtualBox to learn and practice other operating systems where it does not matter if you mess up something; you can simply restart the VM or delete it and start over, or try to fix the problem. Work towards getting certifications such as A+, CCNA, CompTia certifications, etc... One can work toward obtaining their degree (as we all are right now) and/or take courses from reputable sites like Udemy.com, Coursera.com, or Skillshare.com. Subscribe to IT-related blogs and chat with people who are in the profession. ASK QUESTIONS, and you will be surprised by how many people are willing to help (but be aware of the trolls as well).