



3 Year Completion
10-151-2 Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist
2026-27 Required Courses
Northwood Technical College
Ashland*, New Richmond, Rice Lake, Superior



Full program available at the New Richmond, Rice Lake, and Superior campuses

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Name/ID _____

Date _____

Catalog Number	Course Title	*Hours per Week	Credits	IT – Network Technician Technical Diploma (30-150-4)	IT – Cybersecurity Specialist Associate Degree (Financial Aid Eligible)	Date Completed	Transfer or Grade
First Term - Fall 2026							
10150139	IT Essentials and Security	3 hours per week	2 credits	IT - Network Technician	IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10154149	Windows Operating Systems	4 hours per week	3 credits	IT - Network Technician	IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10804133 or 10804113 or 10804123	Mathematics and Logic (recommended) or College Technical Mathematics 1A or Math with Business Applications	3 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
	First Term Total	10 hours per week		5 Credits IT-Network Technician	8 Credits IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
Second Term - Spring 2027							
10150117	Server Administration 1 Prerequisite: 10154149 Windows Operating Systems	4 hours per week	3 credits	IT - Network Technician	IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10154103	Linux Operating Systems Prerequisite: 10154149 Windows Operating Systems	4 hours per week	3 credits	IT - Network Technician	IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10801136	English Composition 1	3 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
	Second Term Total	11 hours per week		6 Credits IT-Network Technician	9 Credits IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		

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Third Term - Fall 2027							
10150111	Cisco CCNA 1 Introduction to Networks	5 hours per week	3 credits	IT - Network Technician	IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10150102	Information Security Prerequisite: 10154103 Linux Operating Systems	4 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10801196 or 10801198	Oral/Interpersonal Communication or Speech	3 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10809198	Introduction to Psychology	3 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
	Third Term Total	15 hours per week		3 Credits IT-Network Technician	12 Credits IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
Fourth Term - Spring 2028							
10150113	Cisco CCNA 2 Routing and Switching Essentials Prerequisite: 10150111 Cisco CCNA 1 Introduction to Networks	4 hours per week	3 credits	IT - Network Technician	IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10150170	Coding with Python	3 hours per week	2 credits	IT - Network Technician	IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10809166 or 10809172 or 10809195	Introduction to Ethics: Theory and Application or Introduction to Diversity Studies or Economics	3 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
	Fourth Term Total	10 hours per week		5 Credits IT-Network Technician	8 Credits IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		

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Fifth Term - Fall 2028							
10150109	Wireless Networking and Security Prerequisite: 10150113 Cisco CCNA 2 Routing and Switching Essentials	4 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10150112	Cisco CCNA 3 Enterprise Networking, Security, and Automation Prereq: 10150113 Cisco CCNA 2 Routing and Switching Essentials	4 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10151101	Firewall and VPN Management Prerequisite: 10150113 Cisco CCNA 2 Routing and Switching Essentials	4 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10151102	Digital Forensics and Incident Response Prerequisite: 10154103 Linux Operating Systems	4 hours per week	2 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
	Fifth Term Total	16 hours per week			11 Credits IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
Sixth Term - Spring 2029							
10151106	Network Security Capstone Prerequisite: 10151101 Firewall and VPN Management and Corequisites: 10151104 Intrusion Detection and Prevention and 10151105 Threat Hunting	4 hours per week	2 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10151103	Penetration Testing Prerequisite: 10150102 Information Security	4 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10151104	Intrusion Detection and Prevention Prerequisite: 10150102 Information Security	4 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10151105	Threat Hunting Prerequisite: 10150102 Information Security and Corequisite: 10151104 Intrusion Detection and Prevention	4 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
10151107	Emerging Technologies in Cybersecurity Prerequisite: 10150112 Cisco CCNA 3 Enterprise Networking, Security and Automation	4 hours per week	3 credits		IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
	Sixth Term Total	20 hours per week			14 Credits IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		
	Total Credits			19 Credits IT - Network Technician	62 Credits IT - Cybersecurity Specialist		



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*Hours per week represents periods of instruction and/or work-based learning hours per week (class hours). Additional time may be required outside of class to complete assignments. For more details on what you can expect outside of class, please see the "Expectations Outside of the Classroom" section of the Student Handbook.

Please be advised that low-enrollment class sections may be canceled. You will be contacted by Student Services with information on other class sections available in alternate formats.

Northwood Tech General Education Course Options for Northwood Tech Associate Degree Programs

Co-enrollment in 99831900 Writing Essentials may be recommended in addition to English Composition 1.

Specific General Education courses are scheduled as requirements for this program. If you have completed General Education coursework at another Wisconsin technical college, please refer to the Acceptable Transfer Course document at the following link (find your program) to see if your previous coursework will transfer

[Acceptable Transfer Courses](#)

If you have completed General Education coursework at Northwood Tech in a prior term, the same options will apply for your program requirements. Pending Dean approval, technical diploma coursework (i.e. catalog number beginning with 30, 31, or 32) may also be allowed to meet General Education requirements. NOTE: Technical diploma level coursework may not transfer to a baccalaureate program.^

Graduation Requirements: *Although your academic advisor can provide guidance, you are ultimately responsible for selecting courses that meet a program's graduation requirements. If you do not take courses in the recommended sequence above, it may delay your completion of graduation requirements. A program plan grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in a 4.0 grade system is required to graduate.*

Earn Credit for What You Already Know:

[Visit Credit for Prior Learning for more information](#)

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^If considering transferring into a baccalaureate program, please work with the Transfer Coordinator at the college you are interested in transferring to verify status, including if technical diploma level coursework will transfer and if it will transfer, how the credits will be brought in to your future degree.

All prerequisite/corequisite courses must be completed with a grade point of 2.0 or better. Revised 7.28.25