

ABOUT THE NPA

Established 1993, the non-profit Network Professional Association is the leading organization for network computing professionals. To be identified as true professionals, the international membership adheres to a code-of-ethics, continual demonstrated professional development, adherence and knowledge of the latest best practice standards, and strives for continual growth. The widely acknowledged and the industry's only international *Awards for Professionalism* honors individuals for their outstanding achievements in network computing and meeting the values of professionalism. The impartial strength of the NPA is a result of vendor neutrality and self-regulation.

A member of the NPA believes in the values of the professional association, its focus on the CNP credential and the professional status of network professionals through advocacy. Members receive a certificate of membership, quarterly Journal publications, benefits derived through chapters and programs, and opportunities to volunteer, publish and develop.

The Association's focus is to support and promote the role of the network professional. Information about current activities and benefits may be found by visiting the NPA website – www.NPA.org.



The NPA is a self-regulating, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the network computing profession.

WHY SHOULD I?

The CNP is more than certification but a standard to be measured by — the professional credential.

The CNP is the standard for the IT Industry defined by a Code of Ethics and a one-stop reference source for employers and clients to verify and validate ALL of the hard fought accumulated elite skills, years of experience, and proven knowledge.

The CNP fulfills the desire for the verification that you are a professional; proclaim it with the CNP designation.

The CNP designation proves a lifetime of work, education and experience in your career and validates your role in the profession plus your ongoing commitment to measured, demonstrated, and proven professional development.

Add "CNP" to your signature; the culminating mark of your professional life.

Employers want to know.



The CNP designation pleases not only the eye of the veteran professional, but is the gateway to being a recognized network professional in the 21st Century



International Professional Designation of the Information Technology Networking Community.

CNP
a professional certification program
of the [Network Professional Association](http://www.NPA.org)®

www.CNP.org

Certified Network Professional program was established in 1996 then re-defined in 2005 with the intent to bring the information technology world up to date with other specialized careers.

An independent industry designation, the CNP embodies the ideals of the professional — *education experience reputability stability* — providing the professional significant credentials in an industry that is strong and will continue to prosper.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The CNP designation represents *honor, excellence, accomplishment, success, experience, education, and the ability to strive in a life long career* in the information technology networking industry.

A life of accomplishments is publicly recognized.

Employers and peers look for individuals representing and furthering the best professional attributes represented in the CNP designation

The CNP encompasses vendor and product certifications, advanced education degrees and training, bona fide network experience, and continual professional development into a single designation.

Diplomas, certificates, resumes are enhanced and supported by background verification for experience, ethics and financial stability.

WHO IS QUALIFIED?

Career driven Information Technology Professionals experienced in the broad category of computer networking and closely related fields.

IT Professionals with demonstrable work experience supported by education, good business ethics and reputation, and stability.

Educators and leaders in the network computing profession.

EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE?

Choose how to demonstrate your proficiency — the CNP provides two options of credentialing: Experience or Education with Experience

Experience: Years of experience and industry peer recognition of expertise and standing are strong traits of a true professional. The CNP recognizes mentorship and stature of the sage network professional.

Education with Experience: Youth, invention and ingenuity are driving forces in our vibrant industry. The CNP promotes the advancement of network professionals by recognizing a combine of education, training and work experience.

The Certified Network Professional program guidelines, application, and requirements are easily accessible on the CNP website – www.CNP.org

PREREQUISITES

Professionals seeking the CNP based on experience alone — Provide proof of experience and professional standing.

Professionals seeking the CNP using a combination of education with experience — Pass an information technology core fundamentals exam recognized by the CNP — Provide proof of experience and educational credits.

A CNP application is required for all candidates along with certification documents, letters of employment references, proof of employment, and consent to background investigation.

CNP requires concurrent membership in the Network Professional Association. Payment must accompany applications.



HOW IS THE CNP MANAGED?

A diverse international array of professionals with more than 150 years of experience maintains quality and ensures a commitment to excellence for the program.

The NPA Board of Directors works with the NPA Certification and Accreditation Board (NCAP), the NPA Certification Committee, and the NPA Distinguished Fellows Board as guiding lights to the global CNP program.