Program Description
This curriculum provides students a broad coverage and technical understanding of computer technology, networking and security as well as the communication skills and professionalism required of all entry-level IT professionals. Skills include software and hardware installation, network configuration and diagnostics, security and forensics fundamentals, and virtualization and cloud computing implementation, with a “hands-on” focus on scenarios in which troubleshooting tools must be applied to resolve problems.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

• Install, maintain and evaluate computer networks.
• Describe network architecture concepts, including topology, protocols, components, and principles.
• Demonstrate best practices in the use of lab equipment and network hardware.
• Create a detailed plan showing the steps necessary to implement a network security system.
• Test and configure network services, devices, and peripherals.
• Review data and identify relevant evidence using current forensic tools.
• Describe the evolution of cloud computing and major methods of deployment.
• Design and implement cloud applications that can scale up on a VM (Virtual Machine) and out across multiple VMs.

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For more information, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/cloud-computing-and-networking-technology/index.html
To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/355.pdf
Suggested Course Sequence
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *

Mathematics Foundation 3 semester hours (MATF)
NWIT 101 - Introduction to the Internet of Things (IoT) 3 semester hours

OR
CMSC 110 - Computer Concepts 3 semester hours
NWIT 105 - Introduction to Cloud Computing 3 semester hours
NWIT 127 - Microcomputer Essentials 3 semester hours

Third Semester
Arts or Humanities Distribution 3 semester hours (ARTD or HUMD)
CMSC 253 - UNIX/LINUX System Administration 4 semester hours
NWIT 173 - Network Security 3 semester hours
NWIT 200 - Microsoft Modern Desktops 3 semester hours
NWIT 208 - Cloud Architecting 3 semester hours

OR
NWIT 209 - Cloud Administration 3 semester hours

Second Semester
English Foundation 3 semester hours (ENGF)

Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab 4 semester hours (NSLD)
COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication 3 semester hours (GEEL)

OR
COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication 3 semester hours (GEEL)
CMSC 135 - Introduction to Scripting 3 semester hours

OR
CMSC 140 - Introduction to Programming 3 semester hours
NWIT 151 - Introduction to Networking 3 semester hours

OR
NWIT 170 - Network and Cloud Infrastructure 3 semester hours

Fourth Semester
Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution 3 semester hours (BSSD)
NWIT 204 - Network Virtualization and System Administrator 4 semester hours
NWIT 264 - Network and Cloud Forensics 3 semester hours

NWIT or CMSC or DATA or TECH Elective 3 semester hours

Total Credit Hours: 60
*ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or NWIT or CMSC or DATA or TECH Elective.
Transfer Opportunities
Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer or http://artsys.usmd.edu.

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Career Coach
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