Program Description
This curriculum provides students a broad coverage of technical understanding of computer technology, networking and security as well as the communication skills and professionalism required of all entry-level IT professionals. Skills included software and hardware installation, network configuration and diagnosing, security and forensics fundamentals, and virtualization and cloud computing implementation, with more of a “hands-on” orientation focused on scenarios in which troubleshooting and 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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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 *
- NWIT 101 - Introduction to the Internet of Things (IoT) 3 semester hours
- NWIT 105 - Introduction to Cloud Computing 3 semester hours
- NWIT 127 - Microcomputer Essentials 3 semester hours
- Mathematics foundation 3 semester hours (MATF)

Third Semester
- COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication 3 semester hours
- (GEEL)
- OR
- COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication 3 semester hours
- (GEEL)
- CMSC 253 - UNIX/LINUX System Administration 4 semester hours
- NWIT 203 - Microsoft Windows Server 3 semester hours
- Arts or humanities distribution 3 semester hours (ARTD or HUMD)

Second Semester
- NWIT 130 - Network Cabling Technology 3 semester hours
- NWIT 151 - Introduction to Networking 3 semester hours
- NWIT 170 - Network Operating Systems 3 semester hours
- NWIT 173 - Network Security 3 semester hours
- English foundation 3 semester hours (ENGF)

Fourth Semester
- NWIT 204 - Network Virtualization and System Administrator 4 semester hours
- NWIT 264 - Network Forensics 3 semester hours
- Behavioral and social sciences distribution 3 semester hours (BSSD)
- Natural sciences distribution with lab 4 semester hours (NSLD)
- NWIT or CMSC elective 3 semester hours

Total Credit Hours: 60
*ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or NWIT or CMSC 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.

Get Involved at MC!
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MC Student Clubs and Organizations: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/

Related Careers
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