The Information Technology (IT) Division at Ranken Technical College offers students an unparalleled education and intensive hands-on experience to prepare them for successful, fast-track careers.

The Network Systems Technology program will focus on Microsoft Server, including Active Directory Services and network infrastructure and configuring Cisco devices. Students will be prepared for the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification test as well as the Compia A+ certification. All IT students in the Network Systems Management Technology program will begin in either Operating Systems or Intro to Internetworking Technologies depending on which semester they begin classes at the Ranken Wentzville location.

Students receive intense hands-on lab time, spending three hours in the lab working with equipment and technology to one hour in classroom theory. Lab exercises focus on troubleshooting and working through real-world situations and problems, so students can be confident they are prepared to work in the fast-paced IT field.

Perhaps one of the biggest advantages of Ranken’s IT programs is that students learn to think and solve problems. We teach students how to be continual learners—a “must-have” in today’s rapidly changing IT field. Based on our strong industry relationships and advisory board input; our programs are flexible enough to quickly incorporate cutting edge technology. Graduates of Ranken’s IT programs work at companies such as Anheuser-Busch, Emerson, Enterprise, BJC Healthcare, Charter Communications, AT&T, IBM and the Lindbergh School District.

Upon completion of the associate degree program, students are eligible for the Bachelor of Science in Applied Management (BSAM) program—and could graduate with a bachelor’s degree in as little as two short years.

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Intensive hands-on experiences that prepare you for a successful, fast-track career.

Ranken’s IT Program is Unparalleled

» Job placement rate is four to five opportunities per graduate

» Staff is experienced and fully certified

» Ranken regularly updates its computer labs so students are working on modern and up-to-date platforms and equipment

» Students complete a solid foundation to be equipped to make an educated choice in their IT career path

» Three of the student’s four hours per day are hands-on, doing real-life computer projects

» Students are in high demand due to additional industry certifications and industry relationships

» Knowledge and work experience during the program is extensive - each student will be confident and prepared for work

» Ranken is equipped with two testing centers for private testing. (students do not have to travel to receive Cisco and Microsoft certifications)

» The average salary for an IT technician with experience is $45,000-$50,000 annually.

» 96-98% of Ranken graduates find gainful employment in their chosen field within six months of graduation

Microsoft Windows Server Evening Program Certificate

Software-centered, this program focuses on Microsoft Server for network services, network infrastructure, and Active Directory.

The program will consist of four courses with a total of 24 credit hours. Students will take the CompTIA A+ exams after completing the Operating Systems (CNT0110) and Microcomputer Hardware/Peripherals (CNT0120) courses. Students will also take the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Active Directory, Configuring (70-640) and the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Network Infrastructure, Configuring (70-642) exam.

After passing each Microsoft exam, the students will receive the Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS) certification.

Associate of Applied Science

Ranken is now offering an Associate of Applied Science degree as a part of the evening program curriculum. You can earn your associate degree with a combination of Ranken’s standard evening school courses as well as our new online courses. You can also transfer credit from other accredited technical training programs, or have your technical work experience evaluated for possible transfer credit.