A Workforce Development Program for Ages 16-24

The Comp-U-Dopt Cisco Networking Academy is professional grade curriculum recognized by CIO’s and IT Professionals as a pre-requisite to landing a meaningful job in the IT industry. This program is geared toward opportunity youth and gives students the digital, problem-solving, and entrepreneurial skills they need to get a job, earn a promotion, or start a business of their own. By participating in the Cisco Net Academy courses, Comp-U-Dopt students will engage with outcome-based learning aligned to industry-accepted certification opportunities. Current high-demand, industry-aligned streams include: IT Essentials.

IT Essentials (ITE) – The IT Essentials (ITE) course introduces students to the fundamentals of computer hardware and software, mobile devices, security and networking concepts, and the responsibilities of an IT professional.

The Job Ready Difference

In addition to learning the technical skills, students will be guided through 10-hours of activities on self discovery, skill development and career exploration. They will ultimately complete the course and be job ready with an updated resume, interview skills, and testing strategies to prepare them to pass the exam that can launch them into their future.

Workshop Skill Development – Students will engage in activities to learn the soft skills that are required to land a job in IT including active listening, problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration. They will also explore what a career in IT Essentials truly looks like including salary levels, and career growth.

Job Readiness Development – Simply completing the Cisco course doesn’t guarantee a job. However, enrolling with Comp-U-Dopt, students will sign up for their exam and learn testing strategies to ultimately earn their certification. They will leave the course with an updated professional resume, interview and communication skills, and the confidence to seek opportunity in the growing industry.

Bring Comp-U-Dopt Academy to Your Students

For this semester-long after 80-hour professional grade program, we bring the trainer, curriculum, and all the materials needed. We need support from partners in providing wireless internet access, dedicated classroom space with flexible physical space for activities, students, and a site contact who will be present on campus during lessons to manage dismissal, that’s it!

While it’s not ideal, in deference to the times we know it’s important to make sure programs can be flexible. The Comp-U-Dopt Academy, can be run virtually if needed.

As part of our mission to provide technology access and education to underserved students free of charge, we ask partners to cover some of the hard costs of supplies. A 15-student license of $4,800 includes:

- Experienced Comp-U-Dopt trainer to facilitate the lessons
- All supplies and technology needed for the programming
- A laptop for each student to keep