

Data Center Talent Program (DCTP)

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Today, there is a lack of skilled data center and cloud computing experts. This is particularly true when it comes to a comprehensive understanding of the entire Data Center solution including products and technologies from multiple vendors. As a result, many companies are struggling to deploy the latest technologies for themselves or to engage with potential customers to develop and expand their technical needs.

The Fast Lane Data Center Talent Program is a specially designed learning experience that solves these problems. We have run programs in EMEAR and the Americas and have demonstrated its success, flexibility and effectiveness. Once you are in the program we can guarantee your success.

We offer several variations of the DCTP, each designed to meet a unique need. After exposure to fundamental and advanced concepts across multiple platforms, each variation brings it all together in multi-vendor workshops where complete solutions are built from the ground up. This is where it all becomes relevant to the complex systems you will work on in the real world.

Prerequisites

Prior to beginning the Data Center Talent Program, you should meet the following prerequisites:

- CCNA (Routing and Switching)
- Pass Fast Lane's DCTP pre-assessment
(These prerequisites are waived if you attend the Full track of the DCTP)

Program Tracks

The Full and Express Boot camp tracks are delivered via a series of in-person boot camps. The other tracks are delivered in standard classroom or virtual formats and schedules are designed to allow students time between sessions to continue critical work projects.

- **Full** – This bootcamp-style track covers everything beginning with the most basic networking fundamentals. It includes training across data center, infrastructure, storage and virtualization technologies, as well as multi-vendor solutions.
- **FE Track** – Designed for post-sales engineers, this track focuses on implementation and troubleshooting skills. Delivery modality can be a mixture of ILO and classroom. Some storage and virtualization content is optional, though highly recommended.
- **SE Track** – Designed for pre-sales engineers, this track focuses on implementation and design skills. Delivery modality can be a mixture of ILO and classroom. Some storage and virtualization content is optional, though highly recommended.
- **DCV Complete** – This track covers all the disciplines included in the FE and SE tracks. Delivery modality can be a mixture of ILO and classroom. Some storage and virtualization content is optional, though highly recommended.
- **Bootcamp Express** – This bootcamp-style track is ideally suited for students already possessing solid storage and virtualization skills, along with some basic networking knowledge. The focus is on data center infrastructure and multi-vendor solutions.



Delivery Methods

ILT – Instructor-Led Classroom Training

ILT sessions are conducted in a physical classroom environment.

ILO – Instructor-Led Online Training

ILO sessions are conducted via WebEx in a VoIP environment.

FLEX Classroom™ – Combined ILT & ILO

FLEX Classroom sessions are delivered via ILT and ILO giving you the ultimate flexibility.

Program Duration and Certifications Achieved

Certification	Full	FE Track	SE Track	DCV Complete	Bootcamp Express
Typical Duration (weeks)	17	8	8	10	10
CCNA (Routing & Switching)	✓				
CCNA Data Center	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CCNP Data Center*	✓ D,T	✓ T	✓ D	✓ D,T	✓ D,T
Data Center Unified Computing Design Specialist	✓		✓	✓	✓
Data Center Unified Computing Support Specialist	✓	✓		✓	✓
Data Center Unified Fabric Design Specialist	✓		✓	✓	✓
Data Center Unified Fabric Support Specialist	✓	✓		✓	✓
Prep for CCIE Data Center Written exam	✓	✓		✓	✓
Prep for CCIE Data Center Lab exam	✓				✓
VCP5 - VMware Certified Professional	✓				
VCAP-DCA – VMware Certified Advanced Professional Data Center Administration	✓				
VCP5-DT - VMware Certified Professional Desktop	✓				
NCDA – NetApp Certified Data Management Administrator (7-Mode)	✓				
NCDA – NetApp Certified Data Management Administrator (Cluster-Mode)	✓				

* D = CCNP Data Center Design Track, T = CCNP Data Center Troubleshooting Track

Hands-on Labs

Through extensive use of hands-on labs, you will not only gain knowledge and acquire skills, but you will practice the techniques taught in class via hands-on labs. Each week expect to spend approximately half of the classroom time accessing and configuring the latest hardware and software.

To Learn More

Go to <http://www.fastlaneus.com/data-center-talent-program> to find the latest and greatest information about our Data Center Talent Programs.

About Fast Lane

Fast Lane is a global provider of advanced and emerging technologies training with the ability to support our customers with delivery in 45 countries across all continents. Fast Lane has partnered with leading technology vendors such as Cisco, NetApp and VMware to offer you comprehensive authorized training programs. Fast Lane has developed unique training programs and courses that focus on today’s multivendor virtualized environments that support your current technology challenges.

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