

# What is a Certification Boot Camp?



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# Boot Camp FAQ: Answers

## 1. What is a certification boot camp?

A certification boot camp is an intensive IT training program that provides hands-on education and exam preparation, in a timely and cost effective manner.

## 2. How are boot camps different than regular training courses?

The primary focus of a boot camp is certification preparation. Boot camps often combine several relevant courses and condense them into a period of five days to two weeks, over longer days. Some of the basic and redundant material in the courses may be omitted in the interest of time, because most boot camps cover the course materials under the assumption that the student already has a basic understanding of the underlying concepts. Time for taking the certification exam(s) is usually allotted during the boot camp.

Successful boot camps require an immersed stress-free learning environment, so once a student registers, NetCom takes care of everything else including the travel, lodging, and even the meals. Because of the condensed timetable, boot camps save a substantial amount of time and money for the student, while providing many extras not included with standard training classes!

## 3. What's included with a boot camp at NetCom?

- Award-winning training from the industry's leading [certified instructors](#)
- Vendor authorized courseware and test-preparation software
- On-site certification testing with included exam vouchers
- The ability to attend multi-week boot camps over split weeks
- Round trip airfare to Las Vegas (up to \$300 round trip) \*Vegas Boot Camps only
- Luxurious accommodations and meals at the Flamingo \*Vegas Boot Camps only

## 4. Why should I take a boot camp?

- To get certified
- To advance your skills
- To increase your salary
- To save time
- To save money
- To further your career

## **5. Why is certification important?**

*For IT professionals*, certification is a third party validation of your skills, that helps distinguish you from your peers. Beyond demonstrating a level of competency and proficiency, certification proves that you are committed to your cause and that you've invested the time and money to prove it. Holding a certification also makes you a more valuable employee, and often results in raises, promotions, and better careers.

*For organizations*, certifications identify the credentials that you can use to hire the right employee. Many organizations also offer training and certification as motivators and benefits to staff members, while enabling those employees to maintain their IT skills for the betterment of the business. Having certified employees also increases sales by proving to prospective clients that you have the skills to support your claims.

## **6. Is getting certified easy?**

Getting certified is no "walk in the park". You will work hard to become certified. There's typically a large amount of material to be absorbed and assimilated, coupled with a lot of hands-on practice, test practice, and finally the actual exams.

But the rewards are well worth the effort. Acquiring certification indicates that you have completed the steps and have the knowledge required to perform at a specified level as an IT professional. Certification also proves to your employer and clients that your expertise is confirmed by a recognized industry organization. Today, virtually every technology professional can benefit by pursuing a well-chosen certification. Becoming certified will increase your salary, enhance your skills and make your job more satisfying.

## **7. What kind of companies can benefit from boot camp training?**

Companies that benefit from boot camps are those that are looking for employees who have proven that they are dedicated, committed and have a strong knowledge base in their field.

## **8. Do I have to take my certification exam(s) during the boot camp?**

No. Some students prefer extra time to study before exams, so you can utilize your exam vouchers at a later date. The exam(s) can be taken either at a NetCom Learning Center or any one of the many authorized testing centers around the world.

## **9. What happens if I don't pass my certification exam(s)?**

With all NetCom boot camp registrations the student gets our Certification Attainment Policy (or CAP): If you are not able to attain all certifications during the boot camp, you can retake the boot camp within a period of one year, as long as it's still being offered and has availability. To attend, simply retain your course materials. You will need to pay for test vouchers and optional travel.

### 10. How do you guarantee that there are no beginners slowing the class?

NetCom requires all boot camp students to pass free, online, multiple-choice skills assessment quiz before registering.

[Register for a Skills Assessment Quiz](#)

### 11. What are NetCom's boot camp facilities like?

Our state-of-the-art, custom built classrooms offer the ultimate in functionality and convenience. Every student has their own high-end, modern machine. Boot Camps often mean long days of sitting, so we've made a large investment to provide you with fully adjustable executive leather chairs. Enjoy!

### 12. Who teaches the boot camps?

NetCom implements a stringent instructor hiring process and only employs the industry's foremost certified instructors. Our instructors are all active practitioners and true masters in their fields.

[View some of our Instructors' Biographies](#)

### 13. What kind of teaching materials do you use?

Authorized Curriculum from the Vendor, coupled with supplemental study materials and the highest rated test preparation software.

### 14. How does boot camp training save time and money?

View the following comparison of NetCom's regular CCNA course to our CCNA boot camp:

<b>Cisco CCNA: ICND1 &amp; ICND2 – Standard Course</b>		
CCNA: ICND1	5 days – 40 hours	\$2000
CCNA: ICND2	5 days – 40 hours	\$2000
<i>Total</i>	<i>10 days – 80 hours</i>	<i>\$4000</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ICND1 &amp; ICND2 may not run in consecutive weeks, so it may be necessary to wait a month before completing both parts of the course.</li><li>• Included extras:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Two official books</li><li>II. Snacks and refreshments</li></ul></li></ul>		

<b>Cisco CCNA: ICND1 &amp; ICND2 – Boot Camp</b>		
CCNA: ICND1 & ICND2	5 days – 60 hours	\$3299
<i>Total</i>	<i>5 days – 60 hours</i>	<i>\$3299</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICND1 &amp; ICND2 are combined into one 5 day course</li> <li>• Included extras: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Two official books</li> <li>II. Test preparation software &amp; study guide</li> <li>III. Exam voucher</li> <li>IV. Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)</li> <li>V. Snacks and refreshments</li> <li>VI. Convenience of testing during class</li> <li>VII. Dedicated staff to cater to your travel needs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

As you can see the boot camp gives you much more for less. If you meet the pre-requisites for boot camp training it's definitely the way to go.

#### 15. What are the pre-requisites for boot camp training?

- Some experience in the relevant field or technology
- Having the certifications for pre-requisite courses if any, or a strong understanding of the fundamentals
- The ability to put in long day of study
- The motivation to achieve success
- [Register for a Skills Assessment Quiz](#)

#### 16. What should you look for when choosing a boot camp provider?

Do your research. Some things to look for and ask before you decide include:

- Who would your instructor be? Does he or she have the certification you are going to be studying for? How many years of teaching and industry experience does the instructor have?
- Who would the other students in your class be? Does the company make any efforts to filter out students who may not be the right fit for the class?
- What kind of materials and courseware does the company use? Are they authorized by the vendor?
- What kind of test preparation tools does the company use?
- What kind of facility, classroom setup and equipment would be available to you?
- Where would you take the exams once you feel ready? Can this be done at the training location or do you have to schedule it separately?
- Most importantly, always ask for references or look for testimonials!

**17. Where does NetCom offer boot camp training?**

NetCom teaches boot camps in a few locations across the US including our flagship learning center in New York City's Empire State Building, and our new boot camp learning center in Las Vegas' Flamingo Hotel.

NetCom also teaches boot camps anywhere in the US as private classes.

**18. I still have additional questions. How can I get help?**

Contact us at [info@netcominfo.com](mailto:info@netcominfo.com) or call 1-888-563-8266 to speak to an experienced NetCom Education Consultant today.



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