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CWNE # 55

What is your level of industry experience?

I have been working in the data communications industry for 31 years. I have been working with wireless networks for 15 years.

Where did you receive your training/education?

Mostly from Global Knowledge classes. The other has been via webinars and on the job training.

How long have you been involved in the CWNP certification process?

9 years.

When did you first become interested in wireless?

I was offered a training class for wireless and accepted it not really knowing anything about wireless. I was hooked immediately and love to continue to learn more about wireless which seems to never end.

What certifications do you currently hold?

CWNE, CCNP, CCNP Wireless, CMNA and ECSE

Why did you choose the CWNE path?

I met Devin Akin in a Global Knowledge wireless training class and he told me about the CWNA certification so I bought the book and eventually took the test. After that I continued reading the CWNP books and taking the certifications until I could qualify for the CWNE.

What was the hardest part of the whole process and how did you overcome it?

For me the hardest part was passing the CWAP exam. I had to make several attempts as I struggled with all of the acronyms but I feel that it only aided in learning the subject material even better. After each attempt I went back and hit the books harder than the time before.

What would you say to anyone considering a CWNE designation?

Try not to make it just about getting the certification but about learning about wireless networks with a goal of having the certifications to back up what you really know, not what people think you know.

What value will your CWNE provide to you, your clients, and/or your company?

It will allow me to be a leader to those on my team and ensure to my customers that I can provide them with the service they are looking for.

To whom would you recommend the CWNE program?

To anyone in the data communications industry that supports networks as part of their daily job.

