IT Essentials and Information Technology Systems  
Academic Year 2019

Program Description
Information Technology prepares students to enter the rapidly advancing field of advanced computing technologies. The coursework provides the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to complete CompTIA (Computing Technology Industry Association) Certifications in Computer Technology A+, Networking Technology N+, Security S+, and much more!

Gainful Employment Information:  

1.) Apply for admissions  
2.) Meet with an admissions counselor  
3.) File Financial Aid  
4.) Meet with an advisor.  
5.) Keep working on Financial Aid

Information Technology Program Contacts:

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To learn more about the program, take a tour and receive general information, please contact or come see Dalisa Portley: Monday-Friday from 8-5. For enrollment or Advising after you’ve talked with Dalisa. Appointments preferred except in August and January.

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<th>Type of Degree/Certificate</th>
<th>Day/Evening</th>
<th>Length Based on Average Rate of Completion</th>
<th>Hours**</th>
<th>*Cost Tuition Only</th>
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<td>Technical Certificate – IT Essentials</td>
<td>Day or Evening</td>
<td>3+ Semesters (Evening) 2 Semesters (Daytime)</td>
<td>2 days/week: 6:00-8:35 PM Evening 4 days/week: 8:11 OR 12:3 Daytime</td>
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<td>Associate of Applied Science-Information Technology Systems</td>
<td>Day or Evening</td>
<td>Varies, but typically 4-6 semesters. See advisor to customize individual plan. Circumstances vary by student.</td>
<td>NOTE: Additional ON-LINE IT classes also required. General Education Classes for AAS degree may be taken on-line or at various times throughout day or evening.</td>
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*Costs are approximate and subject to change. Costs include tuition and student fees (books and digital device not included in amount).  
**Class schedules and availability are subject to change. For the latest information, please visit: https://wsutech.edu/gen-ed/it-essentials-coe/
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What wage can an IT / Computer Support Specialist expect?
   A. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2017); National Median Wage was $52,810.00 per year and $25.39 per hour. State of Kansas Mean wages for individuals in this field are approximately $46,690.00 annually. Starting wages in Wichita range from $8.00-15.00/hour.

Q. When can I start the Information Technology Program?
   A. The Information Technology program offers starting points in the fall and spring semesters. We do offer a few non-pre-requisite classes in the summer, but those are not official program start classes. The program has official beginnings in August and January.

Q. Can I complete all the “IT Essentials Technical Certificate” classes in one semester?
   A. Currently, no. Our schedule does not allow us to run all six necessary courses in one semester.

Q. Will I be able to receive financial aid assistance for the technical certificates and degree?
   A. Yes. The IT program is currently eligible for Financial Aid. Students will have to go through the necessary steps of applying to see if they qualify and how much they individually are eligible for.

Q. Is WSU Tech’s IT Technical Certificate be the same as the CompTIA certifications?
   A. No, it is not the same. WSU Tech’s IT Technical Certificate courses are essentially test-prep classes that prepare you for the industry-recognized CompTIA certifications.

Q. Will I receive a computer and vouchers for CompTIA with the program?
   A. Yes, the A+ Certification courses will teach you how to take apart and rebuild a computer. The fees for this course include the cost of a computer kit and a tool kit that will be yours to keep when you have finished the class. You will also receive a voucher to take CompTIA certification exam at any Pearson Vue testing center in Wichita.

Q. What are the IT “Tracks” for the Information Technology AAS and TC?
   A. Students will be given “Tracks” to choose from for their AAS/TC. Those tracks are batches of classes that pertain to a specialty in either Cyber Security or Hardware/Help Desk. The name of the track WILL NOT change the name on your degree. However it is added experience in a specialty.

Q. Where will my classes be held?
   A. Your IT courses will be held at the Grove campus at 301 S. Grove. Your Admissions Counselor and Academic Advisor are both at the Grove location as well. You will also have access to the Academic Success Center for free tutoring and free computer lab access at that campus.

Q. Is there hands-on experience?
   A. Yes, the larger programs require a “Capstone” or Internship requirement.