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	Secondary Competency Task List	
100	PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY	
_	List common causes of accidents and injuries in a computer facility.	
	Wear personal protective equipment.	
	List and identify safety hazard symbols.	
	Review Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and explain their requirements in handling hazardous materials.	
	Describe types of fire extinguishers and explain which types to use for extinguishing various fires.	
	Use safe procedures to follow when lifting and carrying heavy objects.	
	Describe the importance of safety as it relates to environmental issues.	
	Identify potential hazards when working with power supplies.	
	Identify proper disposal procedures for batteries, display devices, and all other electronic equipment.	
110	Identify proper disposal procedures for chemical solvents and pressurized cans.	
111	Prevent Electro Static Discharge conditions.	
112	RESERVED	
	Configure a computer's power management settings to maximize energy efficiency.	
	Maintain safe work area to avoid common accidents and injuries.	
160	Identify and follow safety precautions associated with computer use	
	COMPUTER HARDWARE	
	Categorize storage devices and backup media.	
	Categorize the different types of computer cases.	
	Explain motherboard components, types, and features.	
	Categorize power supplies types and characteristics.	
	Explain the purpose and characteristics of CPUs and their features.	
	Explain cooling methods and devices.	
	Compare and contrast memory types, characteristics, and their purpose.	
	Distinguish between the different display devices and their characteristics.	
	Summarize the function and types of adapter cards.	
	Install and configure peripherals and input devices.	
	Configure and optimize portable devices, such as laptops, tablets, and smart devices.	
	Install and configure printers.	
	Install configure and maintain personal computer components.	
	Repair/replace desktop and laptop computer components.	
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216	Implement RAID solutions.	

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	Understand how software manages hardware resources	
	Use tools (both hardware and software) that enable the support Personal Computers	
262	Resolve hardware conflicts	
200	TROUBLEQUOCTING BERAID AND MAINTENANCE	
	TROUBLESHOOTING, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	
	Apply industry standard troubleshooting methods. Troubleshoot common hardware and operating system symptoms and their causes.	
	RESERVED	
	Identify common laptop issues and determine the appropriate basic troubleshooting method.	
305	Integrate common preventative maintenance techniques.	
	RESERVED	
307	Diagnose and repair common printer issues.	
	Given a network troubleshooting scenario involving a wiring/wireless infrastructure problem, identify the cause of the problem (e.g., bad media, interference, network hardware)	
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	OPERATING SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE	
	Identify different operating systems by their features. Use various user interfaces.	
	ose various user interraces. Install and configure an operating system.	
	Explain boot sequences, methods and startup utilities for various operating systems.	
405	Select the appropriate commands and options to troubleshoot and resolve problems.	
	Differentiate between various operating system directory structures.	
	Use system utilities/tools and evaluate the results.	
408	Troubleshoot common OS and software issues.	
	Manage local users, groups and institute local security policies.	
410	Install and configure a network and workstation operating system.	
460	Explain and document the advantages and limitations of various network operating systems to suport selection of an operating system.	
461	Understand how the user interfaces with the command line, Windows 10, Windows 11, and Unix/Linux Operating Systems	
	NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES	
	Explain the function of common networking protocols, such as FTP, TCP/IP suite, DHCP, DNS.	
	Identify commonly used TCP and UDP default ports, including TCP ports: FTP – 20, 21, SSH – 22, TELNET – 23, HTTP – 80.	
503	Identify address formats, including IPv6, IPv4, MAC.	

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504	Evaluate the proper use of addressing technologies and addressing schemes, including: subnetting: classful vs. classless, NAT, PAT, SNAT, public vs. private, DHCP, addressing schemes (unicast, multicast, broadcast).	
505	Identify common IPv4 and IPv6 routing protocols, including link state, distance vector, and hybrid protocols.	
506	Explain the purpose and properties of routing, including IGP vs. EGP, static vs. dynamic, next hop, interpret routing tables and how they pertain to path selection, convergence (steady state).	
507	Identify the characteristics of wireless communication, including 802.11 and 802.15 standards: speeds, distance, channels, frequency, authentication, and encryption.	
	Identify the basic elements of unified communication technology, such as VoIP, video, real time services, POS, and UC devices	
509	Implement technologies that support cloud computing.	
	Implement virtualization technologies.	
	Given an example, identify a MAC address	
	Identify the seven layers of the OSI Model and their functions	
	Identify the purpose of the following network services: DHCP, BOOTP, DNS, NAT?ICS, WINS, SNMP	
	Identify the purpose of subnetting and default gateways	
	Identify the basic charactistics (e.g., speed, capacity, media) of the following WAN technologies: Packet switching vs. circuit switching, ISDN, FDDI, ATM, Frame Relay, SONET/SDH, T1/E1, T3/E3, OCx	
600	NETWORK MEDIA AND TOPOLOGIES	
	Categorize standard cable types and their properties including: UTP, STP, coaxial, fiber; plenum vs. non-plenum properties: transmission	
601	speeds, distance, duplex, noise immunity, frequency.	
	Identify common connector types, including UTP, STP, coaxial, and fiber.	
	Identify common physical network topologies.	
	Differentiate and fabricate cables according to TIA/EIA 568A and 568B standards, including patch, crossover, and rollover cables.	
	Categorize common WAN technology types and properties.	
	Categorize common LAN technology types and ethernet properties: CSMA/CD, broadcast, collision, bonding, speed, distance.	
	Explain common logical network topologies and their characteristics, including peer to peer and client/server. Install components of wiring distribution, including vertical and horizontal cross connects, verify installation and termination and environmental	
608	requirements.	
	Recognize the following media connectors and/or describe their uses: RJ-11, RJ-45, BNC, ST, and SC	
	Identify the purpose, features, and functions of the following network components: Hubs, Switches, Bridges, Routers, Gateways, CSU/DSU, NICs/ISDN adapters/system area network cards, Wireless access points, and Modems	
	NETWORK DEVICES	
701	Install, configure and differentiate between common network connectivity devices.	

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	Identify the functions of specialized network devices such as, multilayer switch, content switch, IDS/IPS, load balancer, multifunction network devices, DNS server, bandwidth shaper, proxy server, CSU/DSU.	
703	Explain the advanced features of a switch, such as PoE, spanning tree, VLAN, trunking, port mirroring, port authentication	
	Install a basic wireless network, including client configuration, access point placement and Installation.	
705	Configure appropriate encryption, configure channels and frequencies, set ESSID and beacon, verify installation.	
	Identify the main characteristics of VLANs	
	Identify the main characteristics of network attached storage	
	Identify the purpose and characteristics of fault tolerance	
	Identify the purpose and characteristics of disaster recovery	
764	Given a remote connectivity scenario (e.g., IP,dial-up, PPoE, authentication, physical connectivity, etc.) configure the connection	
800	NETWORK MANAGEMENT	
	Explain, compare, and contrast the layers of the TCP/IP and OSI models.	
	Prepare physical and logical network diagrams, baselines, policies, procedures, and configurations and regulations.	
	Evaluate the network based on configuration management documentation, such as wiring schematics; physical and logical network diagrams;	
803	baselines; policies, procedures, and configurations to network devices and infrastructure; wiring schematics; physical and logical network	
	diagrams; and configurations and job logs.	
804	Conduct network monitoring to identify performance and connectivity issues, such as packet sniffers, connectivity software, load testing, throughput testers, system logs, history logs, and event logs.	
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	Implement remote management technologies.	
	Given a troubleshooting scenario involving a small office/home office network failure (e.g., xDSL, cable, home satellite, wireless, POTS), identify the cause of the failure	
861	Given a wiring task, select the appropriate tool (e.g., wire crimper, media tester/certifier, punch down tool, tone generator, optical tester, etc.)	
900	NETWORK TOOLS AND TROUBLESHOOTING	
	Utilize command line/graphical tools and interpret the output to verify functionality including, Traceroute, Ipconfig, Ifconfig, and Ping.	
	Use network scanners, such as packet sniffers, intrusion detection software, Intrusion prevention software, and port scanners.	
	Utilize the appropriate hardware tools for cable fabrication and troubleshooting.	
904	Implement network troubleshooting methodologies, including information gathering – identify symptoms and problems, identify the affected areas of the network.	
005	Develop an action plan and solution identifying potential effects, implement and test the solution, identify the results and effects of the solution, document the solution, and the entire process.	

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906	Troubleshoot common wired and wireless connectivity issues and select an appropriate solution to include physical and logical issues.	
907	Troubleshoot and resolve common WAN issues, such as loss of connectivity, DNS, router configurations, and default gateways.	
	Demonstrate knowledge of the procedures of Security Baselines and OS/NOS Hardening (Hot Fixes, Service Packs, Patches), Network Hardening (Updates, Configuration, Access Control Lists, Enabling/Disabling Services & Protocols), and Application Hardening	
961	Identify the various security concerns surrounding the following network media: Coax cable, UTP/STP, Fiber Optic cable, and all forms of removable media	
1000	SECURITY FUNDAMENTALS	
1001	Configure hardware and software security devices, such as network-based firewall, host-based firewall, DMZ, IDS, IPS, VPN concentrator.	
	Implement features of a network firewall, such as application layer vs. network layer, stateful vs. stateless, scanning services, content filtering, signature identification, zones.	
1003	Configure network access security, such as ACL: MAC filtering, IP filtering tunneling and encryption: SSL VPN, VPN, L2TP, PPTP and related others.	
1004	Differentiate the principals of user authentication, such as PKI, Kerberos, AAA: RADIUS, TACACS+, network access control: 802.1x, CHAP, MS-CHAP, EAP.	
	Evaluate issues that affect device security, such as physical security and network access.	
	Identify and mitigate common security threats. Demonstrate security features, including BIOS security, password management, locking workstations, and biometrics.	
	Demonstrate basic forensic concepts, such as incident response, chain of custody, evidence preservation, and documentation.	
1060	Become familiar with the Laws and Regulations surrounding Network Technology Security (e.g., portion > SOCS, NIST-CBF, PCI, and ISO, HIPAA, Privacy Act, ECPA, electronic surveilance, and Acceptable Usage Policies) (GDPR, PCI compliance, DFARS)	
1061	Develop an awareness of Computer Forensics, including knowing what your role as a Network Admin/Engineer is in the process of collecting/preserving evidence and the Chain of Custody	
1062	Demonstrate an understanding of Disaster Recovery Techniques and Planning: preparing for an incident, incident response, disaster recovery	
1063	Demonstrate a knowledge of Traning related issues surrounding Network Security, inlcuding training for end users, Executives and human Resource personnel	
	Understand the concepts and practices surrounding Physical Security, including Access Control, Social Engineering, and the Environment	
1065	Security/ACL for cloud service/provider platforms (e.g. Microsoft Azure and Amazon AWS)	
1100	COMMUNICATON AND PROFESSIONALISM	
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1101 1102 1103 1104	Use effective communication with customers, such as proper etiquette, active listening, and cultural sensitivity. Solve customer problems. Implement and adhere to acceptable use policies. Maintain customer confidentiality. Maintain asset inventory.	