

**ARKANSAS
FIBER
ACADEMY**

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION Fiber Network Engineer Program



UA Cossatot offers equal opportunity for admission. Programs and activities of UAC are provided to all students without regard to race, color, national origin, religion age, disability, Vietnam era veteran or special disabled veteran status, or sex. Some information is obtained for the sole purpose of state reporting and/or determining if the college is effectively reaching all segments of the population.

Applying is easy! Simply follow these steps.

STEP ONE: PROVIDE REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Please print.

Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Social Security Number _____ [OR] Individual Taxpayer ID _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Gender: Male Female Other

E-mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip

Residency Status: Permanent US Resident/US Citizen
 County of Residence: _____ State of Residence: _____
 Non-US Resident

Secondary Education: (SELECT ONE)

- Still in High School, Anticipated Year of Graduation (YYYY): _____
 High School (FULL NAME) _____ State _____
- No High School Diploma or GED - 21 years of age or younger
- No High School Diploma or GED - 22 years of age or older
- Graduated High School - Year (YYYY): _____
 High School (FULL NAME) _____ State _____
- Received GED Diploma - Year (YYYY): _____
- Received HiSet Diploma - Year (YYYY): _____
- Completed Home School - Year (YYYY): _____

Post-Secondary Education: (SELECT THE HIGHEST LEVEL COMPLETED)

- Some College - No Credential
- Certificate of Proficiency / Technical Certificate / Other Certificate
- Associate Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Advanced Degree / Master's / Professional / Doctoral Degree
- Not Applicable

Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) last attended, if applicable

(FULL NAME) _____ State _____

Ethnicity: Hispanic Asian Black American Indian White Native Hawaiian

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

STEP TWO: PROVIDE AUTHORIZATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDEMENTS

With my signature, I hereby:

- Verify that I have read and understand the Fiber Network Engineer Program Guidelines (V04142025). Continuing Education representatives have answered all questions I have concerning the guidelines and how they apply to me to my satisfaction.
- I understand that after I graduate and/or withdraw from the program, I will be required to provide employment information for a minimum of 18 months. This information is vital for assessing the effectiveness in achieving positive outcomes for individuals served by the grant.
- Acknowledge that hiring criteria varies among employers; therefore, factors such as a felony conviction, poor driving record, conviction related to a controlled substance or other factors could limit or prohibit employment in some cases even after the successful completion of the training program.
- Authorize a review of and full disclosure of all records concerning myself to any duly authorized agent of the Arkansas Fiber Academy and its affiliates, whether said records are public, private, or of a confidential nature.

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STEP THREE: SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Submit a fully completed Fiber Network Engineer Application for Admission to Continuing Education Services.

Fax: (870) 584-1178

In-Person: Any UA Cossatot Location

Mail: Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, 183 College Drive, De Queen, AR 71832

**The Following Fiber Network Engineer Program Resources
May Be Kept For Future Reference**

UA COSSATOT FIBER NETWORK ENGINEER PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Fiber Network Engineer Program is an Arkansas Fiber Academy program co-designed with industry partners to ensure students understand and master FTTH networks, routing, and switching. Practical labs, hands-on experiences, and guest lectures by industry experts are integrated into this 15-week program to give students a real-world understanding of how their learning applies outside the classroom and insights into the latest developments in FTTH technology.



Arkansas Fiber Academy FIBER NETWORK ENGINEER PROGRAM OVERVIEW 450 Clock Hours
Introduction to Remote Work and Networking Fundamentals
Basics of Ethernet and FTTH Networks
Networking Devices and Protocols
Introduction to Routing
Introduction to Switching
Remote Work and Network Security
Troubleshooting and Support
Final Projects and Exam Preparation

CREDENTIALS
Calix Broadband Engineer Certification Arkansas Fiber Academy Fiber Network Engineer Certificate 45 Continuing Education Units
<i>Optional:</i> Juniper JNCIA-Junos Associate Certification Juniper Automation and DevOps Certification Calix AXOS E7 Specialist Certification Calix WIFI-Technician Specialist Certification Calix Broadband Architect Certification

- **FREE TRAINING**
Program funded by the Office of Skills Development
- **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**
Qualifying participants receive assistance with transportation costs
- **FREE TOOLS**
Graduates equipped with over \$800 in tools to begin their career
- **CAREER SERVICES**
Job placement services available to graduates

Cost

The Fiber Network Engineer Program is free to eligible participants. The cost of the training is underwritten by a grant from the Office of Skills Development. Tools and equipment are provided to students for use during the course. Certifications embedded in the program are also offered at no cost to students.

Students participating in the program are responsible for bringing pen and paper.

Students that withdraw or are dismissed from the program must return all tools or be responsible for the replacement cost.

Entrance Requirements

Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas seeks to meet the needs of the public by providing open enrollment. To be admitted, applicants must meet the following requirements and submit a completed Fiber Network Engineer Program Application for Admission.

- (1) Be at least 18 years of age
- (2) Verification of Arkansas Residency OR Confirmation of Employment/Letter of Intent to Work in Arkansas
- (3) Willing to actively seek employment in the broadband industry upon graduation
- (4) Willing to provide employment information for a minimum of 18 months following graduation

Note: Documentation of Arkansas residency issued in the applicant's name includes but is not limited to a utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage statement, State tax record, voter registration card, vehicle registration document, or government-issued ID such as a driver's license. Continuing Education Services provides applicants an Employment/Letter of Intent to Work in Arkansas form upon request.

Application for Admission

Applying is easy. No transcripts or tests are required for admission into the program. Simply complete a Fiber Network Engineer Program Application for Admission and submit it to Continuing Education Services via fax, mail, or in-person. Continuing Education advisors are available to assist applicants throughout the admission process.

Enrollment

Applications for admission are processed on a first come, first-serve basis. Once approved for admission into the program, applicants have their first choice of available training dates.

Attendance Requirements

The Fiber Network Engineer Program is a fast-paced intensive program with stringent attendance requirements. Students are expected to arrive promptly and be present for all training activities. Any training missed whole or in part, regardless of cause, reduces the opportunity for learning and may adversely affect a student's ability to meet the learning outcomes required to receive a Certificate of Completion. Persons with life or health conditions that may hinder attendance may wish to delay application for admission until a strong commitment to attendance can be made.

To ensure the fullest possible utilization of training programs and associated resources, students that do not establish initial attendance the first day of class may be reported as "no-shows" by their instructor and administratively withdrawn from the program, making the seat available for another applicant.

If an emergency arises, students must contact their instructor as early as possible prior to the start of class to best ensure arrangements can be made to make-up missed instruction time. Make-up sessions are subject to the availability of an instructor and are not guaranteed; therefore, students who are late or miss class for any reason are not guaranteed they will be able to make up missed instruction time or successfully complete the course.

If provision for supplemental training is requested and/or required in order to meet course requirements, the student shall be responsible for the costs incurred including payment of a classroom instructor hired by Continuing Education Services, their own transportation and other associated costs should they accept these arrangements. If Continuing Education Services is working with a student regarding an emergency or ongoing personal concerns affecting the student's academic performance and/or attendance, supporting documentation will be required to verify the nature of an absence. Supporting documentation may include but not be limited to: a doctor's note or hospital discharge papers associated with an illness, summons or other legal documents associated with jury duty or a court appearance, bereavement documentation such as an obituary or death certificate, documentation from local authorities associated with a natural disaster that impacted the student's residence or commute to school, or official military order for military duty).

Dropping a Course

Students may drop a course up to 5 business days prior to the start date by contacting Continuing Education Services to complete the drop process. Students that drop a course will be removed from the course roster.

Withdrawing from a Course

Students must contact Continuing Education Services to withdraw from a course. Students withdrawing prior to the course end date will receive a “W” on their transcript. Failure to withdraw will result in an “F” being posted to the student’s transcript.

Administrative Withdraw from a Course

Students that are a “no show” when training begins or miss 25% (112.5 clock hours) or more of a course may be administratively withdrawn from a course. Students administratively withdrawn from the program become ineligible to participate in the program for a period of 12 months.

Dress Code

The program includes practical labs and hands-on experiences. Additionally, prospective employers can be expected on campus. Therefore, the following are recommended:

- Polo or new “No Tuck” shirts
- Nice jeans or pant like or similar to Ariat work pants, Wrangler Men's Riggs Workwear Technician Work Utility Pants, QR Men's Vent Stretch Pants, Quick Dry Lightweight Casual Cargo Pants, Water Resistant Straight-Fit Utility Work Pants or any with cell phone pocket for ease of phone access and durability
- No open toe shoes. Shoes must be closed like tennis shoes, leather shoes, or boots.

Requirements for Successful Completion

- (1) Attend required training sessions
- (2) Complete all required quizzes and assignments
- (3) Demonstrate safe practice
- (4) Comply with program guidelines
- (5) Achieve a passing grade of 70% or greater

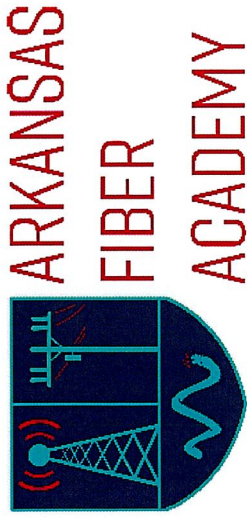
Student Conduct

UA Cossatot is committed to the academic achievement, growth, and development of its students, and the wellness and safety of the members of its community. In addition, the College is committed to preserving peace, maintaining a civil and respectful academic atmosphere, supporting a moral and just climate, and protecting its property and that of its community members. As such, Continuing Education students are also expected to be positive members of the College community.

It is the responsibility of the student to carefully read the “Prohibited Conduct” segments of the College’s catalog and handbook at <https://www.cccua.edu/catalog/general-information.html>. Although not exclusive, the actions, activities, behaviors, or attempts listed are expressly prohibited.

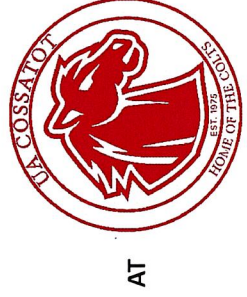
Incident Weather

In the event that the area weather is so severe the College feels that life and property may be in danger, classes may be cancelled until weather and road conditions improve. We strive to distribute announcements regarding closures to our students, faculty, and staff in a timely fashion. Announcements regarding College closings will be made through College social media accounts and over the following radio stations: in De Queen KDQN 92.1 and KTYC 88.5 and in Nashville KMTB 99.5 and KBPU 88.7.



Fiber Network Engineer Program

Course Schedule



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Location	Days	Start Date	End Date	Time	Special Instructions
UAC, Lockesburg, AR	Monday - Thursday	April 14, 2025	July 28, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	
Future Dates to Be Determined					

7 ½ hours per day / 60 instructional days / 450 clock hours
1-hour Lunch Each Day

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseeable circumstances, some make-up instruction may occur on Fridays.