

# COURSE OUTLINE

## CSCO-283

### LAN Switching and Wireless Networks

3 Credits

## HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### Description

This course helps students develop an in-depth understanding of how switches operate and are implemented in the LAN environment for small and large networks. Beginning with a foundational overview of Ethernet, this course provides detailed explanations of LAN switch operation, VLAN implementation, Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP), VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP), Inter-VLAN routing, and wireless network operations. Students analyze, configure, verify, and troubleshoot VLANs, RSTP, VTP, and wireless networks. Campus network design and Layer 3 switching concepts are introduced. Prerequisite: CSCO-281. (2 hours lecture, 3 hours lab)

### Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify and correct common network problems at layers 1, 2, 3, and 7 using a layered model approach.
2. Interpret network diagrams.
3. Select the appropriate media, cables, ports, and connectors to connect switches to other network devices and hosts.
4. Explain the technology and media access control method for Ethernet networks.
5. Explain basic switching concepts and the operation of Cisco switches.
6. Perform and verify initial switch configuration tasks including remote access management.
7. Describe enhanced switching technologies. (VTP, RSTP, VLAN, PVSTP, 802.1q)
8. Describe how VLANs create logically separate networks and the need for routing between them.
9. Configure, verify, and troubleshoot VLANs.
10. Configure, verify, and troubleshoot trunking on Cisco switches.
11. Configure, verify, and troubleshoot interVLAN routing.
12. Configure, verify, and troubleshoot VTP.
13. Configure, verify, and troubleshoot RSTP operation.
14. Interpret the output of various show and debug commands to verify the operational status of a Cisco switched network.
15. Verify network status and switch operation using basic utilities (ping, traceroute, telnet, SSH, arp, ipconfig), SHOW & DEBUG commands.
16. Identify, prescribe, and resolve common switched network media issues, configuration issues, autonegotiation, and switch hardware failures.
17. Manage Cisco IOS.
18. Manage IOS configuration files. (save, edit, upgrade, restore)
19. Describe standards associated with wireless media. (IEEE WI-FI Alliance, ITU/FCC)
20. Identify and describe the purpose of the components in a small wireless network. (SSID, BSS, ESS)
21. Identify the basic parameters to configure on a wireless network to ensure that devices connect to the correct access point.
22. Compare and contrast wireless security features and capabilities of WPA security (open, WEP, WP-1/2).
23. Identify common issues with implementing wireless networks. (Interference, Misconfiguration)

## **Major Topics**

- I. Local Area Network (LAN) Design
  - A. Switched LAN Architecture
  - B. Matching Switches to Specific LAN Functions
  
- II. Basic Switch Concepts and Configuration
  - A. Introduction to Ethernet/802.3 LANs
  - B. Forwarding Frames Using a Switch
  - C. Switch Management Configuration
  - D. Configuring Switch Security
  
- III. Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs)
  - A. Introduction to VLANs
  - B. VLAN Trunking
  - C. VLAN and Trunk Configuration
  - D. VLAN and Trunk Troubleshooting
  
- IV. VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP)
  - A. VTP Concepts
  - B. VTP Operation
  - C. VTP Configuration
  
- V. Spanning Tree Protocol (STP)
  - A. Redundant Layer 2 Topologies
  - B. Introduction to STP
  - C. STP Convergence
  - D. Cisco and IEEE STP Variants
  
- VI. Inter-VLAN Routing
  - A. Introduction to Inter-VLAN Routing
  - B. Inter-VLAN Routing Configuration
  - C. Inter-VLAN Routing Troubleshooting
  
- VII. Basic Wireless Concepts and Configuration
  - A. The Wireless LAN
  - B. Wireless LAN Security
  - C. Wireless LAN Access Configuration
  - D. Troubleshooting Simple Wireless LAN Problems

## **Course Requirements**

**Grading/exams:** Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following: Final grades will be based primarily on homework, lab exercises, lab practical and final exam.

## **Other Course Information**

This course is a course in Electronics Technology, Telecommunications Technology, and Computer Support Technology Programs. This course is also intended for students who wish to become a Cisco Certified Network Associate.