



Technology Certification and Cybersecurity Training for Adults with Disabilities

Do you or your loved one:

- Have a disability that presents a barrier to employment/advancement?
- Have a high school diploma or GED as of summer 2020?
- Have strong math and reading comprehension (ideally 10th grade level)?
- Have an enthusiastic interest in or high aptitude for technology?

Exceptional Academy

Presented by:

Cisco Networking Academy
Living and Learning Enrichment Center
Michigan Career & Technical Institute (MCTI)
Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)
Three Talents Advisors (Patrick Romzek)

Goal - train adults with disabilities on skills in high demand by local companies

Learn more at one of our Information Sessions

2/2 Sunday 3:00-4:30p	3/9 Monday 6:00-7:30p
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2/16 Sunday 3:00-4:30p	3/23 Monday 6:00-7:30p
2/24 Monday 6:00-7:30p	3/30 Monday 6:00-7:30p
3/1 Sunday 3:00-4:30p	

Location: **Living and Learning Enrichment Center** – 315 Griswold St., Northville, MI

RSVP: Call (248) 308-3592 or email academy@livingandlearningcenter.org

Parking is available in the lot for the Mill Race Historic Village. Walk north from there up the stone path to our facility.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Exceptional Academy?

Exceptional Academy is an initiative involving the **Living and Learning Enrichment Center** (a Northville nonprofit which helps teens and adults with autism and related challenges with development of their social, work, and independent living skills), **Michigan Rehabilitation Services** (MRS - the state's vocational office for people with disabilities), **Michigan Career and Technical Institute** (MCTI - one of the country's few and Michigan's only post-secondary learning institution for people with disabilities), along with consulting support from **Patrick Romzek (Three Talents Advisors)**, a retired Cisco executive.

What programs does Exceptional Academy offer?

Currently, we are offering IT training to local individuals with disabilities that will result in a globally recognized technology certification (CCNA – Cisco Certified Network Associate) with a focus on cybersecurity. Additional curriculums will be determined by labor market needs and demands as well as recommendations from sponsoring companies.

What is the schedule for the current program?

The program will have about 40 weeks of classroom-based training (September until around June; specific dates to be determined) followed by 3 months of internships provided by local companies. Classes will run Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm. Courses are instructor led and include lab time and self-study.

What are the qualification requirements?

Interested candidates must have a documented disability, be unemployed or underemployed, and on pace to have a HS Diploma or GED by summer 2020 in order to apply and compete for a seat in the training program. Individuals should have demonstrable interest in technology and ideally 10th grade math and reading comprehension. They must be able to commit to an intensive 40-week, full-time training program, and be legally authorized to work in the USA.

What is the cost to attend?

We are working with partner organizations to minimize training costs for individuals with disabilities who qualify for training. Once information is available, we will review resources with participants.

Where will the class be held?

For the current cohort, classes are held at Madonna University four days a week and one day per week at Washtenaw Community College.

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