

# What Can I Do With a Major In **COMPUTER NETWORKING?**

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Programs in computer systems networking and administration prepare people to manage linked systems of computers and devices. Computer systems networking and administration programs include topics such as:

Computer hardware and software  
Systems design and management  
Networking theory and solutions  
Operating systems and applications

Information systems security  
Outage control  
Problem diagnosis

## **Concentrations**

In computer systems networking and administration programs, students may be able to specialize in:

- Network administration
- System administration
- Computer and network security
- Information Technology help desk

## **Typical Coursework**

Computer and Network Security  
Computer Architecture  
Computer User Support  
Data and Computer Communications  
Virtualization Infrastructure  
Internet and World Wide Web  
Linux and Unix Systems  
Computer and Network Administration

Network and Systems Repair  
Operating Systems  
Wireless networking  
VoIP and Unified Communications  
System Analysis and Design  
Local Area Networks (LAN)  
Wide Area Networks (WAN)  
Storage Area Networks (SAN)

## **Related Major Skills**

Abstract and Formal Reasoning  
Knowledge of Operating Systems  
Problem-solving  
Logical Thinking  
Organizing / Simplifying  
Detail-oriented  
Work independently and in teams  
Efficiency  
Written and oral communication skills

Knowledge of computer hardware and software  
Multi-tasking  
Analyzing  
Knowledge of Telecommunications equipment  
Critical Thinking  
Thoroughness  
Advanced Quantitative Abilities  
Mathematical Skills  
Research

## Directly Related Occupations

Computer & Information Systems Manager  
Network Administrator  
Wireless Network Specialist  
Computer Support Technician

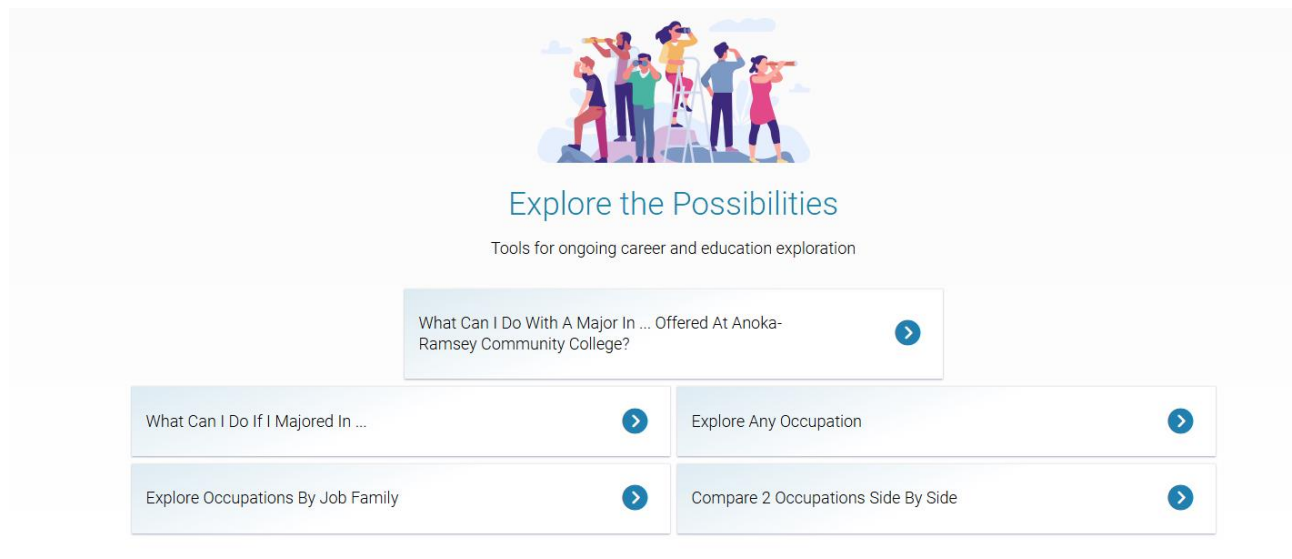
Help Desk Specialist  
Network Security Analyst  
Computer Systems Administrator  
Server Support Specialist

## Who Hires for this Occupation?

Computer systems design companies, information services companies, telecommunication service agencies, finance & insurance companies, financial firms, manufacturing firms, colleges & universities, federal, state & local government agencies, information & internet organizations, business management and support services companies, and software & computer service organizations.

## Focus2

Visit **FOCUS2** (use ARCC credentials to sign-in) for more information regarding **related occupations and average salaries** and explore **other related majors**. You can also take **assessments** to match your skills, interests, and values to potential careers and majors.



Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers a [Computer Networking Associate of Science Degree](#) program designed for students interested in preparing for entry-level positions in network support and administration. It also can provide most or all of the first two years of a bachelor's degree related to information technology and network administration.

Search for majors and colleges at [Minnesota State System Colleges and University](#)

## **Professional Association Links**

[SANS \(System Administration, Networking, and Security\) Institute](#)

[Computer Technology Industry Association](#)

[IEEE Communications Society](#)

[Storage Networking Industry Association \(SNIA\)](#)

## **For More Information**

Contact ARCC Counseling (Coon Rapids and Cambridge) at (763) 433-1100 or stop by the campus Information Desk

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