

Workforce development that prepares for the future

Background

The Red Hat® workforce development program allows colleges and universities to help non-degree seeking students, who may want to change careers, enter the IT industry via certification or get an IT certification. The program focuses on individuals that might not go through a traditional four-year degree program but want to start an IT career, and applies to students coming out of high school that are unable to enter a four-year program. It also applies to adults that want to restart their careers in the IT industry.

For the last 20 years, the Red Hat Training and Certification program has had a single goal: validating skills through a program with rigorous, hands-on testing. Red Hat Training allows organizations tasked with digital transformation to keep their teams ready for what's next with hands-on training and preparation. Red Hat Certification can help systems administrators, application developers, and IT architects advance their careers. In fact, a recent [IDC white paper sponsored by Red Hat¹](#) found that developers who have earned and maintain Red Hat certifications are linked to a 24% higher productivity level when compared to their noncertified counterparts.

Red Hat Certification in action

In our first pilot of a training and certification workforce development program, Wake Technical Community College (Wake Tech) is running a 16-week program including Red Hat System Administration I (RH124), Red Hat System Administration II (RH134), and the Red Hat Certified System Administrator (RHCSA®) exam (EX200). Class meets in person 6 hours per week for 102 hours. When students finish the course and pass the exam, they will become Red Hat Certified System Administrators, making them eligible for jobs like Linux® system administrators, Red Hat solutions architects, or Red Hat salespersons. In addition to the student ebooks and exam, Wake Tech instructors will have access to our Red Hat Academy portal.

"We're extremely excited to work with Red Hat on this program because the skills this training provides are absolutely vital to our region. The Triangle [region of North Carolina] is known for its outstanding tech companies, and we know those companies must have a highly-skilled workforce to grow and thrive."

- Wake Technical
Community College
President Dr. Scott Ralls²

¹ IDC White Paper, sponsored by Red Hat. "The Business Value of Red Hat Certification." Document #US47574721, April 2021.

² Fauver, Michelle. "Wake Tech Collaborates with Red Hat to Offer Red Hat Training and Certification Courses," *Wake Tech News*, Wake Tech Community College, 16 July 2021, accessed 14 Sept. 2021.

The portal includes an instructor guide on how to teach the course, a classroom instruction video showing how a Red Hat Instructor would teach the courses, and lab images. Wake Tech is responsible for hiring course instructors, providing additional required course materials, and creating and maintaining labs based on the images provided.

How to get started

For more information or to register visit redhat.waketech.edu.

Find out more in the [Red Hat blog](#) about the collaboration with Wake Tech.

About Red Hat

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