

Cisco Career Certifications

Certifications Transform Lives. Ohamien Uhakheme, The Revere Group

While attending Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, FL, Ohamien Uhakheme was initially interested in pursuing a career in graphic design. With this in mind, he began taking classes in the school's technology and multimedia department, as the connections between graphics, desktop publishing, and computing seemed synergistic. But unexpectedly, his experience there with networking grabbed his interest, and in a short time, Ohamien redirected his energies. He began study in the Cisco Networking Academy Program® in the tenth grade and received his CCNA certification within two short semesters. Continuing in his studies, Ohamien passed his CCNP exam as a senior. "Attaining certification status proves to employers that you're serious about your specialty. People with little real world job experience can gain skills and show their potential," said Ohamien.

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Starting in his very first semester at the University of Central Florida (UCF), Ohamien worked part time as a network engineer at the school's Network Operations Center. He continued at the center for three years, during which time he supported the network infrastructure across 10 campuses. Ohamien graduated from UCF in the summer of 2005 with a bachelor's of science in information systems technology and an abundance of practical experience working on the school's sprawling network.

Three weeks before graduation, he was offered a position with The Revere Group, a business solutions and technology consulting firm based in Chicago, IL. His skills and certifications won him the position. "I was IT savvy enough and they knew down the road they would need the Cisco expertise, so they hired me. It proves that certifications can come in really handy when you are looking for a good job."

After just six months with The Revere Group, Ohamien became the Cisco team lead. Today, in just two years with the company, he has been promoted to senior consultant. "So far, Cisco certifications have really helped me advance in my career. I plan to keep going for the higher level certifications because it improves my earnings potential."

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