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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SUCCESS
STORY

***Jim Aderholdt, AAS Networking Technology, Cisco Networking Certificate
Microsoft Networking Certificate, Wireless Networking Certificate***

When Entertainment Distribution Company closed its doors in 2009, Jim Aderholdt found himself unemployed. Like many folks he turned to CCC in search of a degree that could get him back into the workforce and providing for his family again.

At the age of 42, Aderholdt knew going back to school would be a challenge. He needed classes that were offered at varied times and days so he could still be a husband and father and help out with family schedules and school events. Plus, he needed encouragement that he could actually complete the challenging task of going back to school. Aderholdt found the encouragement he needed from instructors Jonathan Davis and Steve Putnam and says, “They helped me every step of the way and were willing to answer any questions I ever had. They even nominated me for a scholarship, referred me for a tutoring position, and introduced me to key people in local industry. I give them so much credit for my success.”

Aderholdt says the degree and certifications he earned from CCC gave him just the right amount of hands-on experience that is crucial in the real world of information technology and having the ability to use hands-on instruction, coupled with remote access to Netlabs systems was so beneficial in reinforcing what was being taught in the classroom. “As a student in the Cisco Academy, the idea of remotely accessing equipment was a new concept to me and it was a challenge. But once I was given the opportunity to also do work on Cisco switches and routers I felt more than prepared to go out into the job market and demonstrate my abilities,” he adds.



With the ever growing field of information technology and the influx of data centers coming to Cleveland County many would agree this career path could be one of the quickest ways to enter the workforce in two years or less. Aderholdt says he would certainly agree with that statement and says even more importantly, “If you are a student or thinking about becoming a student at CCC, you have to utilize the experience your instructors have and ask their advice on your career goals. They have all worked in the industry and still have close ties to folks in every industry and when the time comes to look for a job; it is a huge asset to have someone on your side who knows your strengths. They want you to succeed as a student, but more importantly as a person.”