

Career Cruising

Computer and Information Systems Manager vs. Network/Computer Systems Administrator

Computer and Information Systems Manager		Network/Computer Systems Administrator	
Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Writing, Speaking, Math, Science, Critical Thinking, Active Learning, Learning Strategies, Monitoring	Skills Needed		Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Writing, Speaking, Math, Critical Thinking, Active Learning, Learning Strategies, Monitoring
Enterprising—I am a persuader. I like to sell things or ideas. Conventional—I am an organizer. I like keeping things neat and working with charts. Investigative—I am a thinker. I like to analyze problems and think about solutions. I like working by myself.	Suitable for Me?		Investigative—I am a thinker. I like to analyze problems and think about solutions. I like working by myself. Realistic—I like physical activities and projects. I like to find answers by doing hands-on work rather than talking about possible solutions.
Manages backup and security systems, supervises systems analysts, keeps up with technology, determines computing needs, assigns work, develops resources for data security, approves all systems, recommends improvements, works with others to solve problems	Job Description		Diagnoses and resolves all problems within a net- work, performs data backups, maintains net- works, plans network security measures, monitors network, designs and implements tests for net- works, recommends improvements, works with others to solve problems
Sitting most of the time, using hands to control things, being inside, making repetitive motions, regular working hours	Working Conditions		Using hands to control things, being inside, making repetitive motions, walking or standing to control and install machines, some overtime
Entry Wage-\$71,440 Average Wage-\$119,460 Experienced Wage-\$150,000+	Earnings		Entry Wage-\$46,910 Average Wage-\$76,450 Experienced Wage-\$112,980
High School—Business & Computer Science College—Computer and Information Sciences (Bachelor's or higher) Certifications—CompTIA	Education		High School—Business & Computer Science College—Information Science/Studies (Bachelor's) Certifications—CompTIA and others
Become a Systems Analyst and work up through a company, getting experience at the same time.	Career Path		Become a Systems Analyst and work up through a company, getting experience at the same time.

WILDER

20 APRIL 2012

CAREER CRUISING

Based on the information above, I have concluded that Southern Polytechnic State University and The Georgia Institute of Technology are definite possibilities when it comes to the education required. At Southern Poly, I can graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, giving me a well-rounded education. At GA Tech, I can graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science or Engineering, also giving me a great background for either of these careers. I can also become certified by completing a CompTIA Test which assesses my skills in computers. There are several branches, including Network+.