Senior Network Administrator

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The Senior Network Administrator will design, recommend, upgrade, implement, and support LAN/WAN solutions while using best practices and staying in accordance with strict networking guidelines. Primary responsibilities include maintaining stable operations of enterprise network infrastructure. Our ideal candidate has a strong technical background combined with excellent customer service experience. Strong problem-solving skills with an ability to resolve issues in a calm, confident, and time-sensitive manner is essential to this position. The position requires the ability to work flexible hours as projects and emergencies dictate. On-call cell phone availability and off-hours on-call is also required.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
• Router, switch, firewall, wireless, VPN, and circuit support
• Provides analysis of network capacity and health
• Performs timely response and technical support to all incidents, requests, outages, and alerts
• Monitors network systems and provides detailed reports
• Assists with reviewing event logs of network devices
• Diagnoses and resolves basic system and connectivity problems
• Assists in the implementation of new software and hardware systems
• Ensures appropriate mechanisms are in place to protect network connections and servers
• Assesses disaster situations, threats, and risks and identifies primary areas of vulnerability
• Assists in the development of network recovery and relocation plans, as well as replacement options
• Assists personnel within the department to increase understanding of system operations and effectively integrate new technology
• Provides suggestions for improvement and updates to the written disaster recovery plan as necessary
• Provides suggestions in the development of IT strategies and policies
• Ensures all internal and client circuits are operational and performing well within threshold
• Implements networking best practices and standards throughout the infrastructure
• Plans and recommends designs that could improve the existing network environment
• Creates documentation of client environments (to include Visio diagrams)
• Completes daily tasks with a security-first mindset
• Recommends, schedules, and performs network improvements, upgrades, and repairs
• Researches recovery methods and recommends appropriate solutions for network recovery in the event of a failure
• Obtains and conveys information as needed
• Ensures that new systems support Cranbrook Educational Community needs
• Participates in an on-call rotation to provide support for network-related issues
• Assumes responsibility for related duties and performs miscellaneous projects as required or assigned
• Maintains attendance, punctuality, and performance standards set forth in Cranbrook’s employee handbook
• Maintains professional appearance and dress, to inspire end-user and contractor confidence and cooperation
• Works with a high standard of precision, trust, security, and accuracy

Requirements:

• Associates degree in information technology or related field or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience
• CCNA or CCNP certifications preferred
• Knowledge of Cisco proprietary and open industry standard network protocols and experience implementing them in an enterprise network
• 3+ years of hands-on experience in managing complex LAN/WAN networks
• 3+ years of experience installing, configuring, upgrading, and supporting routers, switches, firewalls, wireless, and VOIP
• 3+ years of experience with Cisco network technologies
• Previous experience maintaining/utilizing Cisco Nexus Switching and VPC
• Previous experience maintaining/utilizing Cisco Wireless LAN Controllers
• Previous experience utilizing Cisco PRIME Infrastructure Zabbix considered an asset
• Previous experience with any of the following considered an asset: Cisco ISE, Checkpoint Firewalls, Zabbix and network automation
• Ability to function in a fast-paced environment under short time constraints and within established deadlines
• Ability to adapt to and overcome various technical challenges with minimal assistance
• Requires valid Michigan driver’s license with satisfactory driving record

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For consideration, please visit the employment section of our website for instructions on completing and submitting an application, resume, and cover letter (please note that a fully completed employment application is required for consideration):

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