

Data Center Certification Comparison

Certification Name	Years of Experience	Job Role	Product/Technology	Number of Exams	Prerequisites
CCNA Data Center	1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Center Network Administrator 	Basic Cisco router and switch operations, Cisco Nexus 1000v, 2000 and 5000 Series switches, Cisco UCS B-Series and C-Series Blade Servers, Cisco ACE Appliance, and Cisco WAAS	2	None
CCNP Data Center	5-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presales Engineer Design Engineer Implementation Engineer Support Engineer 	Cisco Nexus Switches (1000, 5000, and 7000 Series), Cisco UCS B-Series and C-Series Blade Servers, Cisco UCS Manager, Cisco Data Center Network Manager, Cisco Virtual Network Management Center, and Cisco MDS Series Multilayer Switches	4	CCNA Data Center
CCIE Data Center	8+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Services Architect Technology Architect Design Engineer Implementation Engineer Support Engineer 	Cisco Catalyst 3750 Switch, Cisco MDS 9222i Multiservice Modular Switch, Cisco Nexus 7009 Switch, Cisco Nexus 5548 Switch, Cisco Nexus 2232 Fabric Extenders, Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switches, Cisco UCS, and Cisco ACE Appliance	2	None
Data Center Specialists					
Cisco Data Center Unified Computing Design Specialist	3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Server Virtualization Design/Presales Engineer 	Cisco UCS B-Series and C-Series Blade Servers, server virtualization software, and server operating systems	2	None
Cisco Data Center Unified Computing Support Specialist	3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Server Virtualization Implementation/Support/Field Engineer/Server Administrator 	Cisco UCS B-Series and C-Series Blade Servers, Cisco UCS in an enterprise data center routing and switching infrastructure, and next-generation Cisco Nexus product family	2	None
Cisco Data Center Unified Fabric Design Specialist	3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network Virtualization and Unified I/O Design/Presales Engineer 	Cisco Nexus Switches (1000, 5000, and 7000 Series), Cisco UCS B-Series and C-Series Switches, Cisco UCS Manager, Cisco Data Center Network Manager, Cisco Virtual Network Management Center, and Cisco MDS Series Multilayer Switches	2	None
Cisco Data Center Unified Fabric Support Specialist	3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network Virtualization and Unified I/O Implementation/Support/Field Engineer 	Cisco Nexus Switches (1000, 5000, and 7000 Series), Cisco UCS B-Series and C-Series Blade Servers, Cisco UCS Manager, Cisco Data Center Network Manager, Cisco Virtual Network Management Center, and Cisco MDS Series Multilayer Switches	2	None
Cisco and NetApp Flexpod Specialist	3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexpod Engineers, Administrators, Field Engineers 	Cisco UCS and NetApp Storage, Flexpod management tools, Cisco Nexus	2	None