Chippewa Valley Technical College has served its 11-county district of Wisconsin since 1912, training graduates to fill positions in a wide range of fields. The IT-Network Specialist program at CVTC gives students a hands-on education that goes beyond the conceptual and focuses on practical applications of technology. The IT-NS program has a strong focus on problem solving throughout its courses. Students gain a solid foundation in core IT disciplines of networking, systems administration, and cybersecurity.

The mission of the IT-NS program is to train students who can make technology work. Students learn to securely deploy, maintain, repair, and troubleshoot a wide range of technologies. Program faculty work with the advisory board to continually evaluate and refine courses to ensure that students are prepared to enter the workforce.

Approximately 25 percent of program students come from under-represented demographics. The IT-NS program has been a CAE-CDE since 2022 and offers both face-to-face and online sections.

The IT-NS program fosters a collaborative learning environment, encouraging students to work on team projects and engage in group discussions to help students develop soft-skills. Students are exposed to diverse scenarios and case studies to explore the challenges businesses experience today. This helps students develop their ability to analyze and diagnose technical issues in addition to encouraging creativity in devising effective solutions to real-world problems.