

AU Invites Region's Teachers to Learn to Teach Computer Networking

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Alfred, NY -- Alfred University will hold its second informational workshop Friday (Feb. 5) to explain the Cisco Networking Academies program. Teachers will be offered an opportunity to take summer courses that will help them prepare their students for careers in the information- and technology-based economy of the 21st century, according to Cathy Johnson, Director of the AU Summer Institute. Cisco Networking Academies is a partnership between Cisco Inc. and schools around the nation. Completing the Networking Academies courses prepares students for openings in a talent-hungry job market, or for a college education in business, computer science, engineering, or science. "In a nutshell, Cisco Networking Academies is a complete, four-semester program on the principles and practice of designing, building, and maintaining networks capable of supporting national and global organizations," Johnson said. The University was named a Cisco Regional Academy last summer. As the only Regional Academy in New York's Southern Tier and Pennsylvania's Northern Tier, AU hopes to offer training to as many area schools as possible. Faculty members from the College of Business and the Computer Science and Electrical Engineering program have completed training certifying them to teach at the Local Academies level. Courses to be offered in summer 1999 -- for which teachers can get credit toward a master's degree -- are Networking Fundamentals, Networking Theory, Advanced Networking, and Network Design. Schools interested in attending Friday's workshop may call Cathy Johnson, (607)871-2018. Teachers are encouraged to attend to learn what the program offers them and their students. The session runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon, with luncheon included.