

**ITNW 1425 challenge exam (test out):**

The challenge exam covers all of the topics that we cover in the classroom. This course is an 80 contact hour course.

Here is the course description for the class:

Instruction in networking technologies and their implementation. Topics include the OSI reference model, network protocols, transmission media, and networking hardware and software.

Here are the learning outcomes for the class:

- The student will identify and use network transmission media
- Explain the OSI model
- Recognize the primary network topologies/protocols, identify their characteristics, and determine which would be most appropriate for a proposed network
- Identify the functions of a network operating system and distinguish between centralized, client/server, and peer-to-peer systems.
- Distinguish between Local Area Networks (LANs) and Wide Area Networks (WANs) and identify the components used to expand a LAN into a WAN.

You must pass the exam with an 80% or higher. If you fail the exam with below an 80% you fail the exam and you cannot take it again. If you pass, you will receive the 4 credit hours on your transcript, but not a grade, so it will not affect your GPA. If you fail the exam you must take the course. The exam is taken in our assessment center

To take the exam you will need a PLA by Internal Exam form with my signature. You will then take that form over to an advisor who will check your TSI status and make sure you have completed at least 6 hours in the Lone Star College System, and then sign off on the form. You will then take the form business center and pay your \$25 non-refundable fee. You will need to take the payment receipt and the form to the testing center and they will administer the test. You have 3 hours in which to take it.

When you have finished the exam, please email me at [Heather.S.Cannon@lonestar.edu](mailto:Heather.S.Cannon@lonestar.edu) so I can pick up your completed exam and grade it.

**Grading Results:**

- In a regular semester, it will take at least 48 hours (not counting weekends) to complete the grading and get the results back to you.
- In the summer, it will take at least 2 weeks to complete the grading and get the results back to you.