The New CCNP Security Will Replace CCSP

 The CCNP Security certification is the most efficient way to ensure Network Security Engineers have the practical skills needed to deploy, service, maintain, and support Cisco network security solutions. CCNP Security delivers the practical skills needed to enforce cybersecurity performance, gain high quality security service levels, and meet compliance mandates. CCNP Security is an evolution of the CCSP certification and is aligned specifically to the job role of the Cisco Network Security Engineer. Over the next year, CCNP Security will replace CCSP as Cisco's professional level security certification. CCSP will be recognized as a valid and relevant Cisco Security certification meeting all requirements by Cisco and its partner program for a full 3 year active period until 2014.   CCSP exams will remain available until April 2011 and individuals can still obtain a CCSP certification until October 2011. CCSP certifications will no longer be issued after October 2011. Cisco strongly encourages individuals to take the newer, relevant CCNP Security exams instead of the older CCSP exams. Individuals that have recently taken the CANAC and MARS exams to achieve CCSP will have until October 2011 to complete their certification using the new SECURE, IPSv7, FIREWALL, or VPN exams. For a complete listing of combinations to achieve the CCSP certification, please access the CCSP Security combination tool.