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Thread: Bachelors Degree VS Certifications

unknown321 - *July 2, 2020, 5:27 am*
so whats your guys opinions on getting a bachelors degree vs Certs like a+ and network +

Does a bachelors degree outweigh a cert in the it field.

Absolutist - *July 2, 2020, 5:28 am*
You'll always have more wiggle room with a degree, a better investment imo

Pawnhub - *July 2, 2020, 6:00 am*
Depends on the line of work, who's hiring you and how much actual in the field experience you have.
I've got certifications, never has the hiring manager said anything negative about them quite the opposite.
Also depends on the certifications, mine was around construction I had to work to earn it not just study and that's what truly matters to your employer.

So I'm assuming when you go for a certification or a degree, it's cool and all if you've studied but your chances for employment increase if you can show your employer the work you have done or in the field experience.

Only time I'd say you'd be better off with a certain degree or certification is if it's required.

Marxist - *July 2, 2020, 6:01 am*
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This is also really important, the degree will have some theory but in that field mostly practical experience too if it has internships. Also, want to change usernames? Been reading some Marxist commentators talk about blm and they make some sense haha

NoneStar - *July 2, 2020, 6:08 am*
Degrees are more widely accepted that certificates :/

Bacardi Cola Lime - *July 2, 2020, 10:22 am*
I am getting my degree soon but can't go anywhere without some certifications as well. You need both of them in my opinion.

Yin Yang - *July 2, 2020, 10:24 am*
A degree will always outweigh a certification.

However, overall work experience and what you've done with your degree/certificate outside of the scope of the class is what matters. Like personal projects and adding to your portfolio.

Saying that you worked on Java, Python, or whatever scripting language just inside your classroom doesn't mean much.

f o r m i d a b l e - *July 2, 2020, 11:42 am*
Both if you want to outcompete and have higher consideration. That's how they like in finance.

Gary Clark Jr. - *July 2, 2020, 12:22 pm*
You'll want to get at least an associate's degree and some certs. Degrees are a requirement because companies want workers who have degrees. I know so many people with degrees with things unrelated to the field they are working in (i.e. English and Literature) who have it because companies want it.

Artisan - *July 2, 2020, 12:53 pm*
Degree> Other certifications as long as you know what youre doing. Without know how, the degree is not worth much.

Bastille - *July 2, 2020, 12:59 pm*
I'm pretty surprised that it seems degrees are more importants than certs for lot of members

I think it depends to be honest, I know in my company we rather prefer to hire people who have some years of experience and certs, rather than fresh graduated people, not the same thing.

I know that guy who payed for those certs is involved into what he is doing, besides I know he WANTS to learn more, the kid from school, meh, don't know, I would rather trust the geeky guy

Xerotic - *July 2, 2020, 1:04 pm*
I wasn't formally educated in my field. I taught myself how to code and pretty much everything I know about computers and technology. It's different for everybody.

For some, they trade time and money for a degree as as more standard proof of work ethic/dedication.
For others, they trade time and money for certifications as an alternate proof of work ethic/dedication.
For even others still, they trade time and money for self-education as a an alternate proof of work ethic/dedication.

In the end you want somebody who can produce. Somebody who has some value and who can accomplish things. It doesn't matter how they got there, but if they have the talent desired, the journey there is just details.

Hackt00lz - *July 2, 2020, 3:45 pm*
(Jul 2, 2020 05:27 AM)unknown321 Wrote: [CITE] so whats your guys opinions on getting a bachelors degree vs Certs like a+ and network +

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I think it depends on the economic situation in your country/location. In my country, Certs is better than bachelors degree. Bachelors degree is most times kept in the wardrobe, i haven't used mine since i got it over 10yrs. But i use my Certs....like my MSVP in dot net programming....

TOM - *July 2, 2020, 9:09 pm*
Degrees are more accepted when it comes to an JOB than getting certifications

webdev77 - *July 2, 2020, 9:12 pm*
You can get net+ and sec+ in less than two months. Employers know this. Is a degree still needed in today's economy? Mostly still yes, but there is a wider acceptance of alternative means of experience and self study. It's definitely a lot easier to get a job now with less formal schooling compared to ten or twenty years ago.

OBAMASELF - *July 2, 2020, 10:23 pm*
I am doing a CS degree rn but personally I prefer certs when it comes to IT industry. The more certifications you have, the more your resume gonna looook juicy and have higher chance of getting hired. This is only for IT industry but for other industry like accounting and commerce and shit, its better to have a degree than some random certs.

Yanix - *July 2, 2020, 10:32 pm*
I guess a bachelors degree weigh much better than those certificates...it is the first thing to look for an applicants then follows by certifications.

Method - *July 2, 2020, 10:34 pm*
i feel like this would depend on the exact job title you're looking to get wouldn't it?

but having a certificate over here is good enough these days.

Rally the Bulls - *July 2, 2020, 10:38 pm*
The ability to perform (specifically on the spot, at the interview) far outweighs either. As Xero has already stated, the journey doesn't matter nearly as much as the results.

That said, if it comes down to two equally skilled individuals and the only thing that differs is degree vs certs, the guy with the degree will likely receive the position.

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SIM-74411 - *July 3, 2020, 12:21 am*
I think it depends on what you want to achieve in your life. In my country, Bachelors Degree >>>> Certifications

CyberAlex - *July 3, 2020, 12:26 am*
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B?????araka - *July 3, 2020, 12:32 am*
Always debated the same thing, i got certs but thinking of going back for a degree. Not as easy as it seems with certs. Plus experience is the real winner.

SREE - *July 3, 2020, 12:56 am*
Bachelors degree is the basic qualification for most of the jobs while technical certifications serve as an additional qualification to earn you the job.

L0RE - *July 3, 2020, 1:08 am*
(Jul 3, 2020 12:26 AM)CyberAlex Wrote: *[CITE]* Which country you live Germany?

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I live in the U.K., idk if Germany is similar

Eagle 95 - *July 3, 2020, 1:43 am*
Degree alone always outweighs any certificate or certificates. Certs are a supplement to your resume, not your selling point. I recommend obtaining certs when you already have a job, to spice up your resume as usually your employer (if the company is any good) is going to pay for that.

Chart goes like this: experience > degrees > certifications. Keep in mind that with only having experience, finding a job won't be also easy as you'll have to obtain proper opportunity to prove yourself, despite your previous projects (unless they are mind blowing). Your mileage may vary, I've seen/heard success and fail stories with only having experience to offer.

Source: software engineer with degrees and experience.