

# Cilium Certified Associate (CCA) Exam Curriculum

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This document provides the curriculum outline of the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities that a Cilium Certified Associate (CCA) can be expected to demonstrate.

## CCA Curriculum

### 20% - Architecture

- Understand the Role of Cilium in Kubernetes Environments
- Cilium Architecture
- IP Address Management (IPAM) with Cilium
- Cilium Component Roles
- Datapath Models

### 18% - Network Policy

- Interpret Cilium Network Policies and Intent
- Understand Cilium's Identity-based Network Security Model
- Policy Enforcement Modes
- Policy Rule Structure
- Kubernetes Network Policies versus Cilium Network Policies

### 16% - Service Mesh

- Know How to use Ingress or Gateway API for Ingress Routing
- Service Mesh Use Cases
- Understand the Benefits of Gateway API over Ingress
- Encrypting Traffic in Transit with Cilium
- Sidecar-based versus Sidecarless Architectures

### 10% - Network Observability

- Understand the Observability Capabilities of Hubble
- Enabling Layer 7 Protocol Visibility
- Know How to Use Hubble from the Command Line or the Hubble UI

### 10% - Installation and Configuration

- Know How to Use Cilium CLI to Query and Modify the Configuration
- Using Cilium CLI to Install Cilium, Run Connectivity Tests, and Monitor its Status

### 10% - Cluster Mesh

- Understand the Benefits of Cluster Mesh for Multi-cluster Connectivity
- Achieve Service Discovery and Load Balancing Across Clusters with Cluster Mesh

### 10% - eBPF

- Understand the Role of eBPF in Cilium
- eBPF Key Benefits
- eBPF-based Platforms versus IPtables-based Platforms

### 6% - BGP and External Networking

- Egress Connectivity Requirements
- Understand Options to Connect Cilium-managed Clusters with External Networks



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