**Infnet Institute and NDG Work Together to Help Brazilian Students**

**INSTITUTO INFNET**

Infnet, a technology-focused educational institution in Rio de Janeiro, is one of the pioneer institutions in the field of certifications, including 2 years as an official VMware IT Academy.

My name is Marcus Paulo Gioscia. I am the Post-Graduate Coordinator at Instituto Infnet, and I have been working at this institution for 10 years. I am also VMware VCP, vExpert, and VMUG leader for the Rio de Janeiro community.

I want to thank Network Development Group (NDG) and VMware IT Academy for making all the difference in the lives of my graduate students in our MIT Datacenter, Cloud Computing and Virtualization program.

**NDG’S ROLE IN EDUCATION**

During the global pandemic, we could not administer our usual virtualization block. Since VMware was the source of the materials, we contacted our VMware IT Academy representative Álvaro Viquez for help. Álvaro Viquez promptly contacted us for more information. We explained the situation: we offer this block of virtualization to post-graduates through the VMware platform, because it is the best solution to prepare and specialize students for the job market.

Álvaro introduced us to NDG, and as a result we obtained 20 NDG vSphere ICM 6.7 lab access codes. The NDG lab service resulted in the best block taught in this post-graduation period and allowed the students high-quality hands-on training.
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Learn more about how VMware IT Academy students can align themselves to the leader by visiting this site:
www.vmware.com/company/research/it-academy.html

THE STUDENTS’ EXPERIENCE
Professor Rogerio Melo thinks that, by working with NDG, the whole learning experience was greatly improved. The students could learn and practice in specialized NDG labs created for the vSphere ICM 6.7 course, with all the necessary resources.

In the past, we’ve had to improvise the environment in the classroom, which at best served to simulate training for the VCA and never, even with all our efforts, compared with what we achieved through NDG lab resources. The NDG team gave us full support and assistance in bringing our students access to the ICM 6.7 environment.

THE RESULT
As a result, today we have 20 students trained in vSphere ICM 6.7 and are now aiming to obtain their VCA and VCP certifications. Students also received test vouchers via Infnet’s current relationship with the VMware IT Academy Program. Our goal in 2021 is to provide our new students ICM 7 training, since NDG has created this lab environment for VMware IT Academy participants.