

Rachel Simmons

Optical network engineer with 10+ years of experience in designing, deploying, and maintaining fiber-optic and DWDM (Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing) systems for telecommunications and enterprise networks. Adept at enhancing network efficiency, minimizing signal loss, and ensuring ultra-low latency connectivity.

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering Georgia Institute of Technology

KEY SKILLS

- Fiber-optic network design and deployment
- DWDM and OTN (Optical Transport Network) implementation
- Optical signal integrity analysis
- MPLS and SDN integration
- Network performance optimization

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Optical Network Engineer, FiberLink Technologies, Atlanta, GA August 2016 – Present
 - Designed and deployed **nationwide DWDM networks** to support highspeed data transmission for Tier 1 ISPs, increasing bandwidth by **50%**
 - Conducted **optical signal integrity analysis**, reducing signal degradation and improving overall transmission efficiency by **30%**
 - Led a team in migrating legacy SONET systems to **next-gen optical transport networks (OTN)**, enhancing network scalability
 - Collaborated with ISP and enterprise clients to optimize fiber routes and integrate SD-WAN solutions.
- Optical Network Specialist, Telco Solutions, Atlanta, GA June 2012 – July 2016
 - Assisted in the deployment of **multi-vendor optical transport systems**, improving interoperability across networks
 - Conducted routine fiber characterization and OTDR testing, reducing outage response times by 25%
 - Developed SOPs for fiber maintenance and troubleshooting, streamlining field operations

CERTIFICATIONS

- Cisco Certified Optical Specialist (CCOS)
- Nokia Optical Network Certification (ONC)