CYBERSECURITY

CTE: YOUR PATHWAY TO CYBERSECURITY CAREERS

Career and technical education (CTE) programs have proven to be an effective approach to prepare secondary and post-secondary students to succeed in cybersecurity careers.

How can CTE help me succeed in cybersecurity?

CTE provides students with academic, technical and employability skills for a career in cybersecurity through:

· CTE courses in network security, cybersecurity, cyber crime and more
· Work-based learning experiences, such as job shadowing and internships
· Career and technical student organizations, such as SkillsUSA and the Technology Student Association
· Opportunities to earn college credit and industry certifications in high school, and ultimately to earn postsecondary certificates and degrees

More than 300,000 U.S. jobs needing cybersecurity skills are unfilled.[1]

The need for information security analysts **will grow by 28%** through 2026, making it one of the top 20 fastest-growing occupations.[2]

In metropolitan areas, **salaries for cybersecurity professionals can reach $380,000.**[3]

Cybersecurity professionals work in IT, health care, manufacturing, defense, finance and other sectors.

COMPUTER NETWORK ARCHITECT [4]

Design and build data communication networks
$104,650 per year
At least a bachelor's degree

NETWORK AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR [5]

Oversee the daily operation of computer networks
$81,100 per year
At least a postsecondary certificate

INFORMATION SECURITY ANALYST [6]

Plan and implement measures to protect computer networks and systems
$95,510 per year
At least a bachelor's degree

Many job openings ask for industry certifications, including:[7]

- CompTIA Security+
- (ISC)² Certified Information Systems Security Professional
- (ISC)² Systems Security Certified Practitioner
- Global Information Assurance Certification Security Essentials

[1] https://www.cyberseek.org/heatmap.html (April 2017-March 2018 data)

[2] https://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/information-security-analysts.htm

[3] https://www.forbes.com/sites/stevemorgan/2016/01/09/top-cyber-security-salaries-in-u-s-metros-hit-380000/#248643ac7ef8

[4] https://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/computer-network-architects.htm

[5] https://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/network-and-computer-systems-administrators.htm

[6] https://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/information-security-analysts.htm

[7] https://www.cyberseek.org/heatmap.html

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