

SANS | CyberTalent | Immersion Academy

# VetSuccess

Augusta University



The fast track to top skills and top jobs in cyber. Guaranteed.

FREE TO TRANSITIONING VETERANS

# WELCOME

SANS Institute, in collaboration with Augusta Warrior Project and Augusta University, is presenting the SANS VetSuccess CyberTalent Immersion Academy. For transitioning veterans, the academy provides advanced technical training, certifications, and connections to high-paying jobs in cybersecurity. For employers, it's a faster, more reliable, and less expensive way to find, train, certify, and employ highly qualified cybersecurity talent.

Augusta Warrior Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission to connect Warriors with resources that improve their lives. Augusta Warrior Project's model is based on developing a proactive relationship with Warriors in order to prevent or mitigate life crisis by holistically addressing issues early and collectively with our partners.



Augusta University's Cyber Institute: Educating the current generation of cyber professionals and inspiring the next.

# FAST TRACK

Three steps to a cybersecurity career

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## QUALIFY

Take the qualifying exam, complete the application process, and interview with the admissions committee.

2

## TRAIN & CERTIFY

Develop practical, hands-on skills by completing world-class SANS training courses. Two and three course programs available. Earn GIAC certifications, recognized by employers around the world.

3

## EMPLOY

Earn a guaranteed employment opportunity at Sponsored Academies (agree to an anticipated minimum two year term), or seek multiple non-guaranteed opportunities at Open Academies.

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# QUALIFY

## Demonstrate cyber skills & aptitude

### Qualifications & Application

Candidates assess if their qualifications meet the initial screen levels. Those meeting initial screening levels submit a completed application and required materials.

### Qualifying Exam

Candidates complete the SANS CyberTalent Enhanced Assessment. This online exam measures both information security aptitude and skills in several domains. Performance on the SANS CTE assessment shows positive correlation with performance on GIAC exams.

### Admissions Interview

Selected candidates will interview with SANS executives and corporate partner executives.

# 2 TRAIN

## Intensive hands-on SANS training

### SANS: The Leader in Cybersecurity Training

The SANS Institute was established in 1989 as a cooperative research and education organization. SANS programs now reach more than 165,000 security professionals around the world.

### Hands-on Skills

Too often, cyber education emphasizes theory over practice. Today, firms need professionals who can apply knowledge in real-world situations like intrusion detection, and attacker identification. Academy curriculum emphasizes hands-on skills and content is hyper current.

### World-Class Instructors

SANS instructors are considered the best in the world. All meet SANS' stringent requirements and bring both real-world experience and exceptional teaching skills to their students' learning experience.

### Two Course Option:

#### 1. SEC401: SANS Security Essentials Boot Camp Style

On-site attendance is required. Location to be determined based on candidate location and SANS conference schedule.

#### 2. SEC504: Hacker Techniques, Exploits & Incident Handling

**Capstone: NetWars Tournament** to be taken online via SANS OnDemand

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**Third course** chosen from 6 electives:

- SEC503 Intrusion Detection In-Depth
- SEC542 Web App Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking
- FOR408 Windows Forensic Analysis
- SEC501: Advanced Security Essentials - Enterprise Defender
- SEC560 Network Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking
- MGT512 SANS Security Leadership Essentials For Managers with Knowledge Compression

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# 2 CERTIFY

## Earn GIAC certifications

### GIAC Certification

GIAC (Global Information Assurance Certification) certifications go beyond theory and terminology and test the pragmatics of Audit, Security, Operations, Management and Software Security tasks.

### Academy Certifications

- GIAC Security Essentials
- GIAC Certified Incident Handler
- Third certification to be determined based on elective course selected.



# 3 EMPLOY

## Great jobs. Great companies.

### Open Academies

Open SANS CyberTalent Immersion Academies provide participants with a range of employment opportunities. Open Academies provide participants with flexibility in both curriculum and employment opportunities. Two and three course options are available.

### Sponsored Academies

Sponsored SANS CyberTalent Immersion Academies are supported by a single sponsor and provide participants with a guaranteed opportunity for employment at the sponsoring company upon successful completion of the program. Curriculum is typically designed and developed to meet the needs of the sponsoring firm. Employment opportunities are limited to the sponsoring company.

*"The relevance of the hands-on labs and exercises was clearly evident as we applied the skills we learned to real and recent scenarios from the security community. This instruction was as close to front line operations as one can get without being in a production work center."*

– **Edmond Russell**

SANS CyberTalent Immersion Academy Participant  
(recently accepted employment at academy sponsor, Solutionary)

# BENEFITS

## Program Summary

### Free Tuition For Transitioning Veterans

The SANS Institute and Solutionary provide, courses, instruction, simulations, exams, mentoring, and certifications at no cost to qualified veterans.

### Industry-Leading Curriculum

Participants complete SANS courses and labs, recognized as the top professional development programs in the information security industry.

### Real-World Learning

The academies emphasize real-world knowledge so graduates have the hands-on skills to fill critical cybersecurity positions.

### World-Class Instructors

SANS instructors combine extensive experience in the workplace with exceptional teaching skills.

### Job Opportunities

Open academies offer a range of employment opportunities. SANS will work to connect graduates to its network of customers and supporters.

# CALENDAR & CONTACT

## Important dates

<b>Applications Due</b>	November 15, 2015 - January 10, 2016
<b>Classes Begin</b>	February 1- 6, 2016
<b>Graduation</b>	June 15, 2016 (3 course option)

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