SANS | CyberTalent | Immersion Academy

VetSuccess

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

FREE TO TRANSITIONING VETERANS

WELCOME

SANS Institute, in collaboration with the USO, is presenting the SANS VetSuccess Immersion Academy in Hampton Roads, Virginia. 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.

SANS is pleased the Academy can support the missions of the USO by offering transitioning veterans the opportunity to choose a direct path to rewarding careers in cybersecurity as their path forward to their next objective.

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The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. For nearly 75 years, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side.

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FAST TRACK

Three steps to a cybersecurity career

1

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

SANS and our partners work diligently to connect VetSuccess cohort members with a variety of leading employers that are hiring information security professionals.

For complete information: sans.org/cybertalent/immersion-academy

Contact: immersionacademy@sans.org

1 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.

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.

Curriculum Options:

Two Course

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

Three Course

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2. SEC504: Hacker Techniques, Exploits & Incident Handling

Third course chosen from 5 electives:
- FOR408: Windows Forensic Analysis
- SEC501: Advanced Security Essentials – Enterprise Defender
- SEC503: Intrusion Detection In-Depth
- SEC542: Web App Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking
- SEC560: Network Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking

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 provides 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.

Guaranteed Interviews

Graduates are guaranteed interviews with some of the nation's top companies seeking cyber talent.

CALENDAR & CONTACT

Important dates

Application Period:	January 3 – March 17, 2017
Interviews & Selection:	Late March 2017
Classes Begin:	April 24, 2017
Graduation:	August, 2017

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