SANS | Cyber**Talent** | **Immersion**Academy
A United States Cyber Academy Program

"The GIAC certifications I earned in the Academy really helped open doors for me as a cybersecurity professional."

– Justin Sappington, Information Security Analyst at Umpqua Bank

VetSuccess

A United States Cyber Academy Program

100% Scholarship-Based Training for Veterans

Three steps to a cybersecurity career

1

QUALIFY

Meet the eligibility requirement for the Academy, 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.
Earn GIAC certifications, recognized by employers around the world.

3

DEPLOY INTO WORKFORCE

Graduates are ready to start a new career in cybersecurity!

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 CyberTalent team members and may interview with various employer and non-profit partners as well, depending on the Academy.

2 T R A I N   &   C E R T I F Y

GSEC

GCIH

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 200,000 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.

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.

Core Courses:

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

Third Course (optional):

Chosen from 7 electives, online via SANS OnDemand:

- ICS410: ICS/SCADA Security Essentials
- FOR500: Windows Forensic Analysis
- SEC501: Advanced Security Essentials - Enterprise Defender
- SEC503: Intrusion Detection In-Depth
- SEC511: Continuous Monitoring and Security Operations
- SEC542: Web App Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking
- SEC560: Network Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking

3 DEPLOY INTO WORKFORCE

Great jobs. Great companies.

93% Graduation Rate

89% Employment Rate*

60+ Employers

$80,000 Median Salary

60+ Employers have hired a SANS VetSuccess Graduate.

Microsoft

Booz Allen Hamilton

Cisco

Amazon

First Data

Raytheon

and more...

95% of students graduate and now hold positions such as:

Information Security Analyst

Security Engineer

Web Security Engineer

Security Analyst I

Information Security Engineer

Cybersecurity Specialist

"Completing the SANS VetSuccess Academy not only influenced my career plans, it defined them. The education and certifications opened doors that were inaccessible to me otherwise, short of winning the lottery. In fact, being selected into the inaugural cohort was a 'hitting the jackpot' moment for me."

– Edmond Russell
U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant (retired)
Quality Assurance Program Manager, NTT Security

* For 2015-16 VetSuccess alumni

BENEFITS

Program Summary

100% Scholarship-Based Training

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.

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