The Fast Track to Top Skills & Jobs in Cyber

Did COVID-19 disrupt your career path? Get on the fast track to an in-demand career.

New Skills. New Start.

The VA Cyber Skills Academies (VCSA) provide world-class, hands-on training to candidates who want to start or expand their career in the cybersecurity field. Sponsored by the state of Virginia, this program was developed to aid residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and help the Northern VA business community meet the increasing demand for skilled cybersecurity professionals.

VCSA's flexible, practical training and support is FREE and will launch you into a cybersecurity career with one of our local Northern VA employer partners. In addition to four-to-six-month accelerated, immersive training curricula, VCSA offers ongoing career and networking programs to introduce you into the cyber community.

Two Tracks to Success

The VA Cyber Reskilling Academy provides technical skills training, industry-recognized certifications, and soft skills development to individuals with limited-to-no cybersecurity experience to prepare them for a career in the field and accelerate their job search through a network of employer partners.

Who Should Apply?
- Career changers seeking new skills
- Self-driven professionals looking to expand their knowledge
- Business professionals without a deep cybersecurity background
- New hires in IT/cybersecurity

The VA Cyber Upskilling Academy provides hands-on training to advance the skills of existing IT/cybersecurity professionals, allowing them to increase their knowledge and earning potential in their chosen specialization. Individuals who have previous experience in the IT/cyber field will complete an advanced SANS training course and the associated GIAC certification.

100% scholarship-based for select participants

3 Steps to a New Career in Cybersecurity

1 Step 1. Qualify & Apply

2 Step 2. Skills Assessment & Interview

3 Step 3. Train & Certify

For more information or to apply, visit vacyberskills.com or info@vacyberskills.com

Go from zero technical and security knowledge to speaking the same language as industry professionals.

Sample Job Titles of Reskilling Graduates

- SOC Analyst (Tier I and II)
- Information Security Analyst
- Junior System Administrator
- IT Specialist
- Junior Security Engineer
- Incident Response Analyst (Tier I)

Sample Job Titles of Upskilling Graduates

- Intrusion Detection and Response Analyst
- Penetration Tester
- Red Team Engineer
- Cybersecurity Engineer
- Digital Forensics Analyst
- Cyber Crime Investigator
- Cyber Threat Detection Analyst
- Network Security Engineer
- Cyber Threat Analyst

The VA Cyber Skills Academies are open to individuals who can provide valid proof that they are currently stationed in or are permanent residents of Northern VA counties in Region 7: Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

Program Founders

The VCSA is sponsored by the state of Virginia, and run by a consortium of businesses, which include the Women's Society of Cyberjutsu (WSC), SANS Institute, and Katzcy, LLC. A variety of other businesses support and sponsor the program as well.

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