

Cyber Security Pathway

Security Operations Center (SOC) Analyst



A Security Operations Center (SOC) Analyst supports the detection, containment, and remediation of IT threats. They monitor networks and applications to identify a possible cyber-attack or intrusion and help coordinate and report on cyber incident responses. The SOC Analyst provides analysis and trending of security log data, Incident Response (IR) support, and threat and vulnerability analyses.

Because businesses are becoming more and more vulnerable to cyber security threats, this position has grown in importance and will continue to see increased opportunities.

4 Courses, 5 Certifications, 1 Project **206 Hours**

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| Foundations in Information Technology | The Fundamentals of Networks and Server Administration |
| IT Security Operations | Business Skills Workshops |

5 Certifications* **CompTIA | Microsoft**

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| CompTIA IT Fundamentals | Microsoft Technical Associate: IT infrastructure (Security Fundamentals) |
| Microsoft Technical Associate: IT infrastructure (Networking Fundamentals) | CompTIA Security+ |
| Microsoft Technical Associate: IT infrastructure (Windows Server Fundamentals) | |

Project

Students will build and maintain a virtual security operations center (SOC) through which they will analyze IT security events, respond to vulnerabilities, take incident response actions and generate incident response reports. Standard operating procedures will be created for the ongoing review and maintenance of the virtual SOC.

Certificate of Completion	College Credits
Students who pass all the courses and pass at least 50% of the certification exams receive a Certificate of Completion that represents successful completion of the Security Operations Center (SOC) Analyst program.	Whether or not you plan to continue your formal education immediately after completing a NuPaths' program, you'll earn college credits that you can apply toward a college degree. Students have the potential to earn up to 8 college credits in the Security Operations Center (SOC) program.

Course Descriptions

Foundations in Information Technology

The course focuses on the basics of computer hardware, software, mobile computing, networking, troubleshooting, and emerging technologies. Students learn about configuring operating systems, file and folder management, networks and network configuration, and the role of the OSI model in networking and troubleshooting. A fundamental understanding of computer hardware, operating systems, computer application software, networking technologies and protocols, web browsers, identifying security risks, troubleshooting errors, and system maintenance is gained. The course also includes an exploration of cutting-edge technologies such as cloud computing and virtualization.

The Fundamentals of Networks and Server Administration

The course combines fundamental networking and server administration concepts for broad knowledge and skills in network installation, maintenance, and security.

IT Security Operations

The course addresses the vital fundamentals of security to support the principles of confidentiality, integrity, and availability. Security layers, authentication, authorization, and accounting are explored, along with network security to protect the Server and Client. Students also learn to install and configure systems to secure applications, networks, and devices; perform threat analysis and respond with appropriate mitigation techniques; participate in risk mitigation activities; and operate with an awareness of applicable policies, laws, and regulations.



Business Skills Workshops

This course focuses on the business or “soft” skills that allow people to interact effectively and productively; skills like collaboration, communication, emotional intelligence, and time management.

Technology Experience Gained

Windows Server . Network management DNS . TCP/IP . Network protocols and topologies . Active Directory . System recovery . Anti-malware products . Firewalls . Wireless router/switch . External storage . Mobile devices . Network ports . Malware detection . Social engineering . Application/service attacks . Wireless attacks . Cryptographic attacks . Penetration testing . Vulnerability scanning Security architecture . Identity and access management . Risk management . Cryptography and PKI

*Third party certification providers give certification exams that must be successfully completed as per their requirements.

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