

2022 Cybersecurity

Program Standards

CONTENT STANDARD 1.0: Demonstrate Cybersecurity Career Basics

Performance Standard 1.1: Identify Cybersecurity Career Pathways

- 1.1.1 Identify career pathways in cybersecurity.
- 1.1.2 Identify industry certification options for career pathways.
- 1.1.3 Identify postsecondary options that will advance career pathway goals.

Performance Standard 1.2: Identify the Role of Cybersecurity and Professional Mindsets

- 1.2.1 Describe the objective of cybersecurity in businesses and organizations.
- 1.2.2 Identify the mindsets and traits (e.g., continuous learning, passion, integrity, curiosity) of the cybersecurity professional.

CONTENT STANDARD 2.0: Demonstrate Cybersecurity Fundamentals

Performance Standard 2.1: Identify Cybersecurity Concepts

- 2.1.1 Describe data and data types.
- 2.1.2 Explain the CIA model (confidentiality, integrity, availability).
- 2.1.3 Explain the concepts of authentication, authorization and auditing (AAA).
- 2.1.4 Identify basic cryptography concepts, methods, and uses.
- 2.1.5 Identify the concepts of access control principles.
- 2.1.6 Identify access control models.
- 2.1.7 Explain the principle of least privilege.
- 2.1.8 Describe Zero Trust architecture.
- 2.1.9 Identify techniques to protect data in all three states (i.e., “data in use”, “data at rest” and “data in motion”).
- 2.1.10 Explain types of vulnerabilities, exploits, and cyber threats.
- 2.1.11 Identify the common types of cyber threat actors.
- 2.1.12 Describe the phases of Cyber Kill Chain framework
- 2.1.13 Describe vulnerability management.
- 2.1.14 Explain the importance of asset inventory.
- 2.1.15 Define *risk* and *risk management*.
- 2.1.16 Describe the value of risk assessment.
- 2.1.17 Describe the importance of cybersecurity policies and procedures.

Performance Standard 2.2: Explain Law and Ethics Related to Cybersecurity

- 2.2.1 Explain ethical and legal issues related to cybersecurity.
- 2.2.2 Describe ethical hacking and non-ethical hacking.
- 2.2.3 Identify cyber laws and regulations for individuals and businesses.
- 2.2.4 Explain the importance of protecting intellectual property.

CONTENT STANDARD 3.0: Demonstrate Cybersecurity Skills on Systems and Networks

Performance Standard 3.1: Work with Systems

- 3.1.1 Compare storage media.
- 3.1.2 Describe the architecture of a computer.
- 3.1.3 Compare read-only memory (ROM) and random-access memory (RAM).
- 3.1.4 Describe basic boot methods and boot order.
- 3.1.5 Compare the file structures of Windows and Linux.
- 3.1.6 Describe password policies.
- 3.1.7 Identify programming languages used in cybersecurity.
- 3.1.8 Program with a text-based language (e.g., Python), using version control, unit testing and recommended styles and idioms.

3.1.9 Describe the role of Bash and PowerShell, used by cybersecurity analysts.

Performance Standard 3.2: Work with Networks and the Internet

3.2.1 Describe types of area networks (e.g., LAN, WAN, MAN).

3.2.2 Describe various network communication technologies (e.g., Wi-Fi, mobile data, Ethernet).

3.2.3 Identify networkable devices (i.e., Internet of Things [IoT]), their categories, benefits and security risks.

3.2.4 Compare the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model and the TCP/IP model.

3.2.5 Describe tools and techniques available to identify networking interfaces and their settings.

3.2.6 Describe the following network services: Address Resolution Protocol (ARP), Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), and Domain Name System (DNS).

3.2.7 Describe subnetting of Layer 3 addresses.

3.2.8 Identify the common TCP and UDP ports used in networking.

3.2.9 Compare the two transport methods used in Layer 4 of the OSI model within the TCP/IP stack.

3.2.10 Describe the use of an access control list on an interface.

3.2.11 Describe the use of IP tables for access control.

3.2.12 Describe the use of Windows firewall for access control.

3.2.13 Compare communication types: unicast, broadcast, multicast, and anycast.

3.2.14 Describe the purposes and types of virtual access.

3.2.15 Define *Cloud Computing*.

CONTENT STANDARD 4.0: Demonstrate Cybersecurity Operations

Performance Standard 4.1: Manage Systems, Servers, and Network Operations

4.1.1 Install and configure Windows desktop operating system.

4.1.2 Install and configure Linux desktop operating system.

4.1.3 Install and configure server operating system.

4.1.4 Manage a desktop operating system through its lifecycle.

4.1.5 Manage a server operating system through its lifecycle.

4.1.6 Recover a desktop operating system

4.1.7 Recover a server operating system.

4.1.8 Explain reasons and options for segmentation.

4.1.9 Describe the value of logging and monitoring.

4.1.10 Obtain information and navigate an operating system, using command line.

4.1.11 Perform basic configurations for routers and switches.

4.1.12 Implement IP addressing schemes, given an address space.

4.1.13 Map different network layer identifiers for a process.

4.1.14 Describe network device port security and hardening.

4.1.15 Describe operating system hardening.

4.1.16 Apply encryption methods and tools to decipher encrypted data.

4.1.17 Identify different options for redundancy.

4.1.18 Implement redundancy.

4.1.19 Identify important data or systems that need redundancy.

4.1.20 Define *high availability* (HA).

Performance Standard 4.2: Demonstrate Troubleshooting Techniques

4.2.1 Describe basic hardware and software problems, using industry terminology.

4.2.2 Describe troubleshooting techniques used with hardware and software to identify and fix errors.

4.2.3 Implement systematic troubleshooting strategies used with hardware and software to identify and fix errors.

CONTENT STANDARD 5.0: Mitigate Risk and Vulnerability

Performance Standard 5.1: Manage Risk

- 5.1.1 Perform device discovery.
- 5.1.2 Identify types of tools that can be used to monitor, collect, and analyze information across platforms
- 5.1.3 Describe how a security framework is used to assess the security posture of an enterprise environment.
- 5.1.4 Define *defense in depth*.
- 5.1.5 Describe social engineering.

Performance Standard 5.2: Explore Penetration Testing

- 5.2.1 Explain the proper use of penetration testing versus vulnerability scanning.
- 5.2.2 Describe the steps of a penetration test and its role in securing a business.
- 5.2.3 Identify the Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) Top 10.
- 5.2.4 Identify Common Vulnerability and Exposure (CVE), a list of specific vulnerabilities for specific products.

Performance Standard 5.3: Explore Physical Security

- 5.3.1 Describe the different types of attacks that affect physical security.
- 5.3.2 Describe physical access controls.

CONTENT STANDARD 6.0: Explore Incident Response

Performance Standard 6.1: Explore Incident Response, Digital Forensics, and Recovery

- 6.1.1 Define *incident response*.
- 6.1.2 Describe the steps of incident response.
- 6.1.3 Explain basic forensic concepts and practices including eDiscovery, documentation, chain of custody, and data transport.
- 6.1.4 Describe the importance of policies and procedures in incident response.
- 6.1.5 Define *recovery*.