

Where Should I Start?

We often get the question from new FedVTE users, “I’m new to IT and cybersecurity. Where should I start?”

There are many entry points into a cybersecurity career; this graphic depicts one suggested track for newcomers that leverages existing free FedVTE training. Keep in mind that when you successfully complete courses in the system, you will receive a FedVTE course completion certificate. The information learned from FedVTE’s various certification prep courses will help prepare you to challenge various industry certification exams. You must adhere to each individual certification provider’s requirements, including meeting experience requirements and paying any applicable fees.

To learn more about various cybersecurity categories and specialty areas, take a look at the National Cybersecurity Workforce Framework at: niccs.us-cert.gov

Beginner

0–3 years experience

- CompTIA A+ Certification Prep
- CompTIA Network+ Certification Prep
- Cybersecurity Overview for Managers
- Cybersecurity Risk Management for Managers
- CompTIA Security+ Certification Prep
- (ISC)2™ Systems Security Certified Practitioner

Intermediate

3–5 years experience

- (ISC)2™ Certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professional (CSSLP)
- Mobile and Device Security
- Wireless Network Security (WNS)
- Windows Operating System Security

Advanced Specialties

5+ years experience

- CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner Prep
- Penetration Testing
- Certified Ethical Hacker (EC-Council)
- ISACA Certified Information Security Auditor (CISA)
- ISACA Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)
- IPV6 Security
- Linux Operating System Security

Expert

5+ years experience

- (ISC)2™ Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) Certification Prep

Optional Concentrations

- (ISC)2™ CISSP Concentration: ISSAP (Architecture)
- (ISC)2™ CISSP Concentration: ISSEP (Engineering)
- (ISC)2™ CISSP Concentration: ISSMP (Management)