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**Education & Training Plan**  
**Certified Information Systems Security Professional Certificate Program**  
**with Externship**

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program includes National Certification & an Externship Opportunity**  
**Mentor Supported**

**Certified Information Systems Security Professional Certificate Program**  
**with Externship**

Course Code: AU-IT-CISSP  
Program Duration: 6 Months  
Course Contact Hours: 375  
Student Tuition: \$3,999

**The IT Cyber Security Professional with CompTIA Security+**

Computer Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) Security+ training designates knowledgeable professionals in the field of IT security. As an international, vendor-neutral credential, CompTIA Security+ certification ensures successful students gain competency in network security, compliance and operational security, common/possible threats and vulnerabilities, application, data and host security, access control and identity management as well as cryptography. Earning CompTIA Security+ Certification signifies to employers that candidates will apply their knowledge of security concepts, tools and procedures to prevent security breaches, react accordingly to any security incidents and anticipate further security risks in order to effectively guard against them.

**The IT Cyber Security Professional with CompTIA Security+ Program**

The CompTIA Security+ course provides students with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to become an IT security professional. This course is designed to fully prepare students to sit for and pass the CompTIA Security+ certification exam. Students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to identify risk and participate in risk mitigation activities as well as provide infrastructure, application, operational and information security. They will also acquire the knowledge necessary to apply security controls to maintain confidentiality, integrity

and availability, as well as how to identify appropriate technologies and products. Finally, students will gain an awareness of applicable policies, laws and regulations with regard to IT security.

### Education and National Certifications

- Students should have or be pursuing a high school diploma or GED.
- There are no state approval and/or state requirements associated with this program.
- There are several National Certification exams that are available to students who successfully complete this program:
  - **CompTIA Security+ (SY0-401) Certification Exam**
    - **NOTE: CompTIA® recommends candidates for the CompTIA A+ Exam have a minimum of two years of experience in IT administration with a focus on security**
  - **Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification Exam.**

### Program Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

- Describe common risks, vulnerabilities and controls
- Explain the triple constraint of information security
- Analyze and differentiate between types of malware and attacks
- Identify risks for common system hardware and peripherals
- Describe principles of software, data and host security
- Implement OS hardening procedures
- Identify common types of programming attacks
- Implement secure browsing practices
- Describe security vulnerabilities unique to virtualized environments
- Explain the purpose and vulnerabilities of common network devices
- Identify and secure common ports and protocols
- Describe security concerns unique to cloud computing environments
- Identify IDS and IPS solutions for host and network defense
- Describe differences in Access Control identification, authentication and authorization
- Identify various methods for access authentication
- Implement logical access control methods
- Distinguish between discretionary, mandatory, rule- and role-based access control
- Identify various types of risk management strategies
- Distinguish between management, technical and operational controls
- Calculate risk using subjective and objective measures
- Implement compliance audits for common security controls
- Explain the difference between penetration testing and vulnerability scanning
- Distinguish between symmetric and asymmetric forms of encryption
- Explain the use of public-key/private-key pairs to encrypt and decrypt a secure message
- Identify common security protocols (SSH, SSL, IPSec)
- Explain basic hashing concepts
- Distinguish between types of tickets, keys and certificate authorities in a PKI
- Distinguish between business continuity and disaster recovery objectives & timeframes
- Implement common backup rotation cycles
- Identify various types of redundant hardware and backup sites
- Recognize various types of environmental control solutions
- Identify RAID configurations for common availability and redundancy requirements
- Analyze and distinguish between forms of social engineering

- Describe the principles of operational security
- Identify common personnel security policies
- Describe data reminisce and secure disposal practices
- Explain common CIRT roles and responsibilities
- Use Microsoft Office

### **National Certification**

Upon successful completion of this Auburn University program, students would be eligible to sit for the CompTIA Security+ Certification Exam from CompTIA® and the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) exam. Although there are no state approval, state registration or other state requirements for this program, students who complete this program at Auburn University will be prepared and are eligible to sit for the national certification exams. Students who complete this program are encouraged to complete the externship option with their program. Students who complete this program can and do sit for the CompTIA Security+ and MOS national certification exams and are qualified, eligible and prepared to do so. Auburn University works with each student to complete the exam application and register the student to take their national certification exam.

### **Externship / Hands on Training / Practicum**

Although not a requirement, once students complete the program, they have the ability to participate in an externship and/or hands on practicum so as to practice the skills necessary to perform the job requirements of a professional in this field. Students will be assisted with completing a resume and/or other requirements necessary to work in this field. All students who complete this program are eligible to participate in an externship and will be placed with a participating organization near their location. Auburn University works with national organizations and has the ability to place students in externship opportunities nationwide.

**Auburn University contact:** If students have any questions regarding this program including national certification and externships, **they should call Shavon Williams at 334-844-3108 or via email at [szw0063@auburn.edu](mailto:szw0063@auburn.edu).**

Note: No refunds can be issued after the start date published in your Financial Award document.

## About Auburn University!

### Welcome to Auburn University!

Auburn University was established in 1856 as the East Alabama Male College, 20 years after the city of Auburn's founding.

### Our Mission

Extended University supports the land-grant mission of Auburn University by reaching beyond the traditional campus, classrooms, and academic programs to create unique learning environments and provide educational opportunities for individuals to meet their academic, professional, and lifelong learning goals.

### AU Extended University offers:

- Development and delivery of flexible online and distance learning programs
- Outreach and engagement programs and support services
- Partnership opportunities for the University community and other constituents
- Instructional technology support for teaching and learning
- Credit and non-credit courses, certificates, and degrees beyond the traditional campus offerings

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### Auburn University and Pearson Education

Auburn University's eLearning programs were developed in partnership with Pearson Education to produce the highest quality, best-in-class content and delivery necessary to enhance the overall student learning experience, boost understanding and ensure retention. Pearson Education is the premier content and learning company in North America offering solutions to the higher education and career training divisions of colleges and universities across the country aimed at driving quality education programs to ensure student success. Please visit us at [www.pearson.com](http://www.pearson.com).

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**IT Cyber Security Professional with CompTIA S+ Program Detailed Student Objectives:****INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SECURITY**

- Explain the triple constraint of information security
- Describe common risks, vulnerabilities, and controls
- Differentiate between types of malware and attacks
- Identify risks for common system hardware and peripherals
- Explain common botnet uses for profit and attack

**SOFTWARE SECURITY**

- Implement OS hardening procedures
- Identify common types of programming attacks
- Describe principles of software, data, and host security
- Describe security vulnerabilities unique to virtualized environments
- Implement secure browsing practices

**NETWORK SECURITY**

- Explain the purpose and vulnerabilities of common network devices
- Describe security concerns unique to cloud computing environments
- Identify common ports and protocols
- Identify IDS and IPS solutions for host and network defense
- Describe vulnerabilities present in mobile and wireless data transport

**ACCESS CONTROL**

- Describe the differences between identification, authentication, and authorization in access control
- Identify various methods for access authentication
- Implement logical access control methods
- Distinguish between discretionary, mandatory, rule-based, and role-based access control implementations

**AUDITING, VULNERABILITY, AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

- Identify various types of risk management strategies
- Distinguish between management, technical, and operational controls
- Explain the difference between penetration testing and vulnerability scanning
- Calculate risk using subjective and objective measures
- Implement compliance audits for common security controls
- Explain the role of vulnerability management in discovering and mitigating security threats

**ENCRYPTION AND PKI**

- Distinguish between symmetric and asymmetric forms of encryption
- Explain the use of public and private key pairs to encrypt and decrypt a secure message
- Identify common security protocols
- Explain basic hashing concepts
- Distinguish between types of tickets, keys, and certificate authorities in a PKI

**DISASTER RECOVERY AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY**

- Distinguish between business continuity and disaster recovery objectives / timeframes
- Implement common backup rotation cycles
- Identify common security protocols
- Identify various types of redundant hardware and backup sites
- Recognize various types of environmental control solutions
- Identify RAID configurations for common availability and redundancy requirements

## **ORGANIZATIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- Distinguish between forms of social engineering
- Describe the principles of operational security
- Identify common personnel security policies
- Describe data remanence and secure disposal practices
- Explain common CIRT roles and responsibilities

**Note: This program can be completed in 6 months. However, students will have online access to this program for a 24-month period.**

## **MICROSOFT OFFICE Module**

- Use an integrated software package, specifically the applications included in the Microsoft Office suite
- Demonstrate marketable skills for enhanced employment opportunities
- Describe proper computer techniques for designing and producing various types of documents
- Demonstrate the common commands & techniques used in Windows desktop
- List the meaning of basic PC acronyms like MHz, MB, KB, HD and RAM
- Use WordPad and MSWord to create various types of documents
- Create headings and titles with Word Art
- Create and format spreadsheets, including the use of mathematical formulas
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of computer database functions, including putting, processing, querying and outputting data
- Define computer terminology in definition matching quizzes
- Use the Windows Paint program to alter graphics
- Use a presentation application to create a presentation with both text and graphics
- Copy data from one MS Office application to another application in the suite
- Use e-mail and the Internet to send Word and Excel file attachments
- Demonstrate how to use the Windows Taskbar and Windows Tooltips
- Explain how copyright laws pertain to data and graphics posted on the Internet
- Take the college computer competency test after course completion
- Follow oral and written directions and complete assignments when working under time limitations

**Note:** Although the Microsoft Office Module is not required to successfully complete this program, students interested in pursuing free Microsoft MOS certification may want to consider completing this Microsoft Office Module at no additional cost.

## **System Requirements:**

### **Windows Users:**

- Windows 8, 7, XP or Vista
- 56K modem or higher
- Soundcard & Speakers
- Firefox, Chrome or Microsoft Internet Explorer

### **Mac OS User:**

- Mac OS X or higher (in classic mode)
- 56K modem or higher
- Soundcard & Speakers
- Apple Safari

### **IPad Users:**

- Due to Flash limitations, eLearning programs are NOT compatible with iPads

### **Screen Resolution:**

- We recommend setting your screen resolution to 1024 x 768 pixels.

### **Browser Requirements:**

- System will support the two latest releases of each browser. When using older versions of a browser, users risk running into problems with the course software.
- Windows Users: Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Mac OS Users: Safari, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox

### **Suggested Plug-ins:**

- Flash Player
- Real Player
- Adobe Reader
- Java