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## A NICE WAY TO FIND AND KEEP CYBERSECURITY WORKERS



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# In this digital world, it is critical that we train, hire, and retain top quality cyber workforce



## Cybersecurity Expert



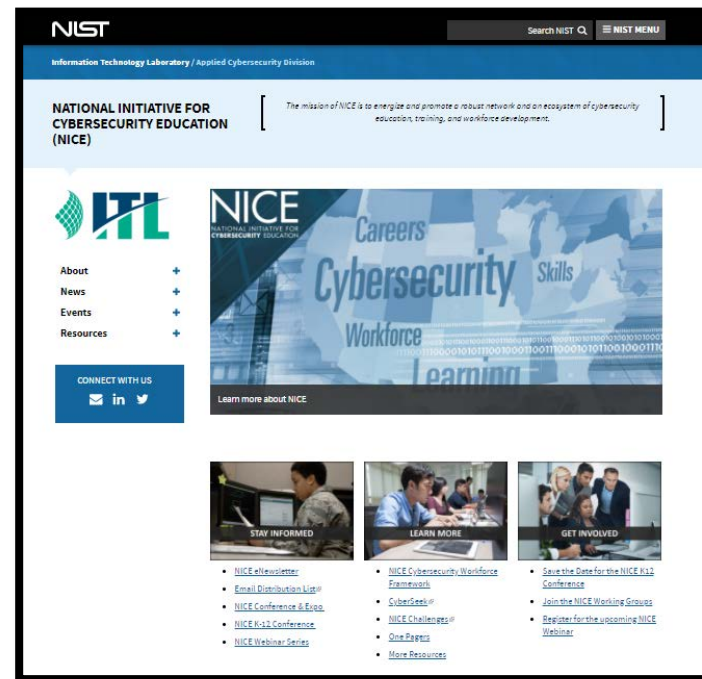
# The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE)



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*The mission of NICE is to energize and promote a robust network and an ecosystem of cybersecurity education, training, and workforce development.*

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# The NICE Strategic Plan goals for improving awareness and education



# NICE supports the cyber workforce lifecycle



Educate with effective curricula



Describe needs (e.g., job postings)



Hire to Fit based on complete descriptions



Consistently and effectively evaluate staff / vendors



Retain effective workers and improve skills & abilities



# Failure to hire, train, and develop qualified staff has negative effects



**Has a shortage of cybersecurity skills had a negative effect on your organization?**

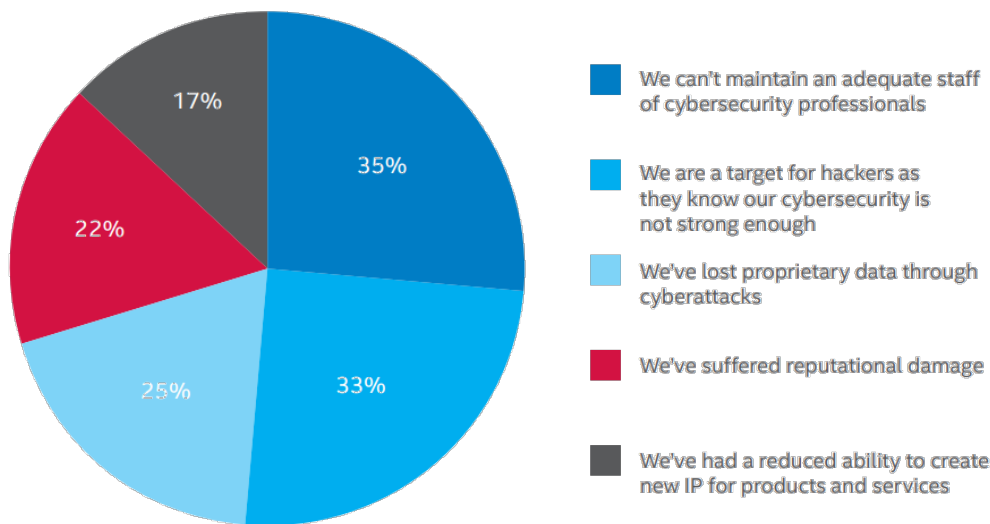


Figure 5. Impact of cybersecurity workforce shortage.

Intel Corporation, "Hacking the Skills Shortage: a study of the international shortage in cybersecurity skills," 2016, [www.mcafee.com/us/resources/reports/rp-hacking-skills-shortage.pdf](http://www.mcafee.com/us/resources/reports/rp-hacking-skills-shortage.pdf)

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# Certs are critical, but yesterday's ways of training & hiring must improve



## Information Security Certifications



Certification is **one** great way to demonstrate acquired abilities and for employers to help quickly identify potential hires with needed qualifications

Source:  
<http://becomeacybersecurity.expert>



# Cybersecurity activities are supported by many roles.



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# The Struggle is Real, but the Glass is ½ Full



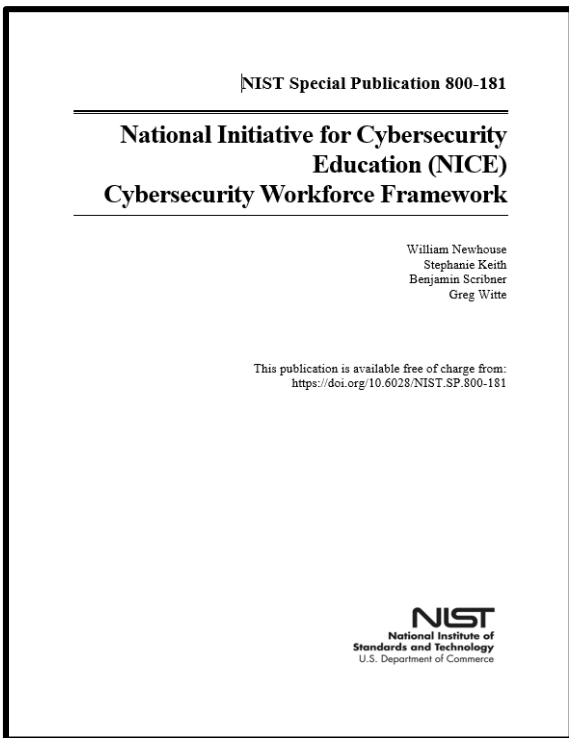
# There are significant benefits to a more diverse cybersecurity workforce



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# NIST released the NICE Framework in 2017



- NIST Special Publication 800-181
  - NICE Cybersecurity Workforce Framework
- URL: <https://www.nist.gov/itl/applied-cybersecurity/nice/resources/nice-cybersecurity-workforce-framework>



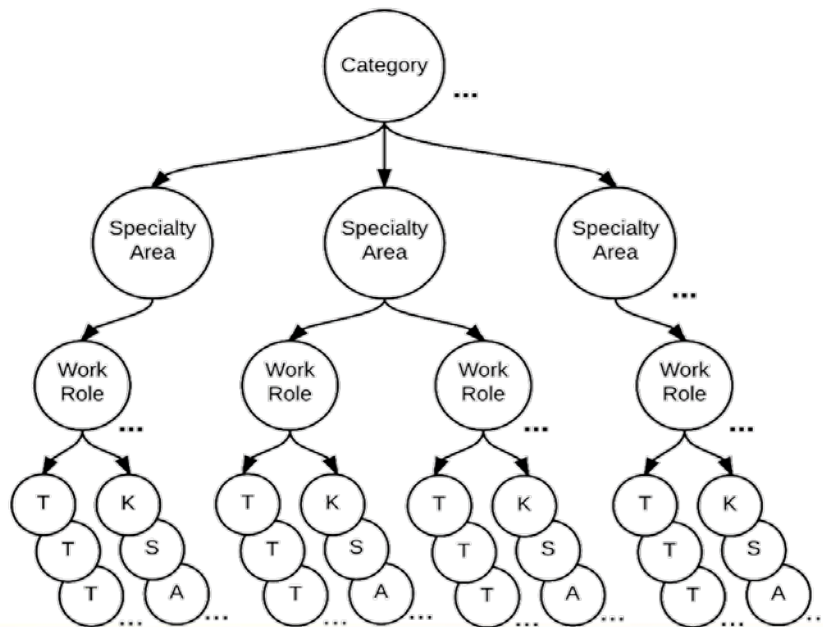
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# NIST 800-181 categorizes cybersecurity roles



## NICE Framework Categories



# The NICE Framework builds a cybersecurity capable and ready workforce



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# A sample of a recent cyber defense incident responder requisition



## Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- 3+ years of experience with network security
- Knowledge of TCP/IP communications and how common protocols and applications work at the network level
- Knowledge of network monitoring, analysis, troubleshooting, and configuration control technologies
- Ability to learn and operate in a dynamic environment
- Ability to demonstrate analytical expertise, close attention to detail, critical thinking, logic, and solution orientation and to learn and adapt quickly
- TS/SCI clearance
- Security+ CE, and CEH or GCIAH Certification

## Additional Qualifications:

- Experience with working in a 24/7 SOC environment
- Experience in managing cases with enterprise SIEM and logging systems
- Possession of excellent oral and written communication skills
- BA or BS degree in Engineering, CS, Information Security, or Information Systems





# Let's walk through the NICE Workforce Framework tool



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NICE Framework Specialty Areas and Work Role Table of Contents				<a href="#">Click to view the Master KSA List</a>				
8/21/2017 version					<a href="#">Click to view the Master Task List</a>			
NICE Specialty Area	NICE Specialty Area Definition	Work Role	Work Role Definition	Work Role ID	KSAs	Tasks		OPM Code (Fed Use)
	use information technology (IT) (including National Security Systems), applying IT-related laws and policies, and provides IT-related guidance throughout the total acquisition life cycle.	IT Investment/Portfolio Manager	Manages a portfolio of IT investments that align with the overall needs of mission and enterprise priorities.	OV-PMA-004	<a href="#">Click to view KSAs</a>	<a href="#">Click to view Tasks</a>		804
		IT Program Auditor	Conducts evaluations of an IT program or its individual components to determine compliance with published standards.	OV-PMA-005	<a href="#">Click to view KSAs</a>	<a href="#">Click to view Tasks</a>		805
Protect and Defend (PR)								
Cybersecurity Defense Analysis (CDA)	Uses defensive measures and information collected from a variety of sources to identify, analyze, and report events that occur or might occur within the network to protect information, information systems, and networks from threats.	Cyber Defense Analyst	Uses data collected from a variety of cyber defense tools (e.g., IDS alerts, firewalls, network traffic logs) to analyze events that occur within their environments for the purposes of mitigating threats.	PR-CDA-001	<a href="#">Click to view KSAs</a>	<a href="#">Click to view Tasks</a>		511
Cybersecurity Defense Infrastructure Support (INF)	Tests, implements, deploys, maintains, reviews, and administers the infrastructure hardware and software that are required to effectively manage the computer network defense service provider network and resources. Monitors network to actively remediate unauthorized activities.	Cyber Defense Infrastructure Support Specialist	Tests, implements, deploys, maintains, and administers the infrastructure hardware and software.	PR-INF-001	<a href="#">Click to view KSAs</a>	<a href="#">Click to view Tasks</a>		521
Incident Response (CIR)	Responds to crises or urgent situations within the pertinent domain to mitigate immediate and potential threats. Uses mitigation, preparedness, and response and recovery approaches, as needed, to maximize survival of life, preservation of property, and information security. Investigates and analyzes all relevant response activities.	Cyber Defense Incident Responder	Investigates, analyzes, and responds to cyber incidents within the network environment or enclave.	PR-CIR-001	<a href="#">Click to view KSAs</a>	<a href="#">Click to view Tasks</a>		531
	Conducts assessments of threats and vulnerabilities; determines deviations from		Performs assessments of systems and networks within the network environment or enclave and					



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# There are a broad range of work roles supporting incident response and recovery

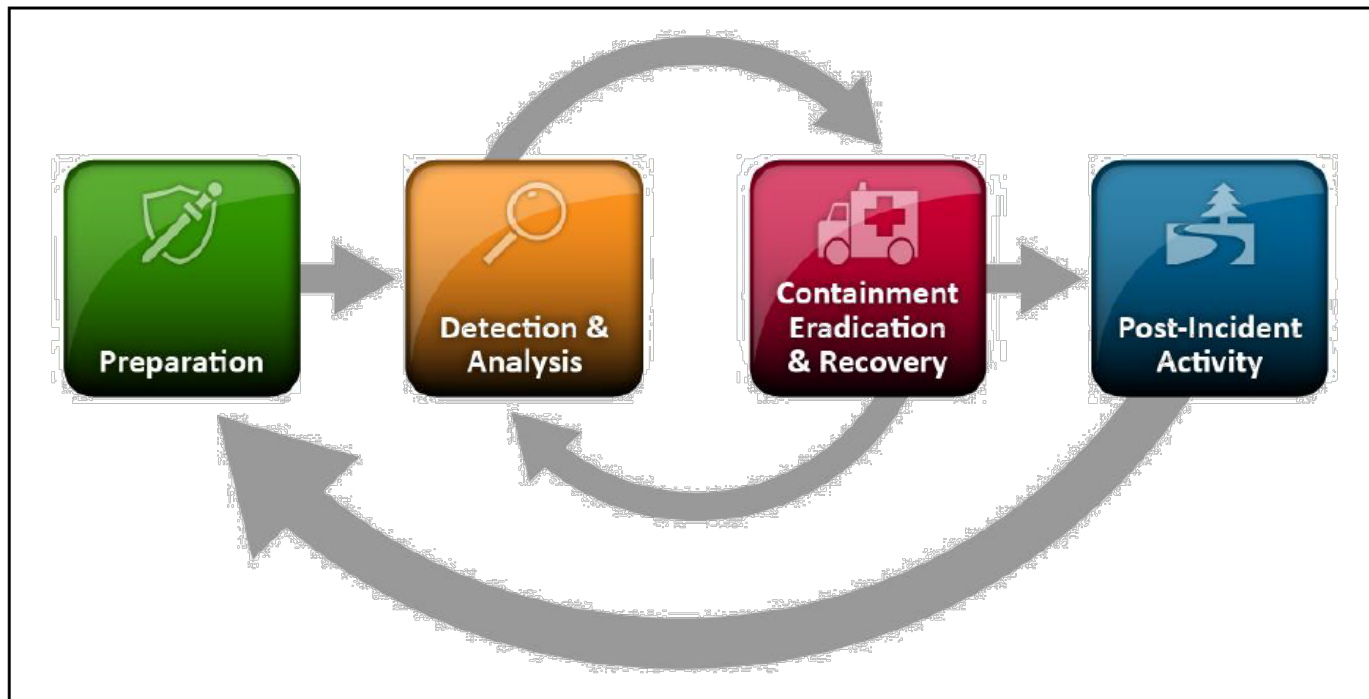
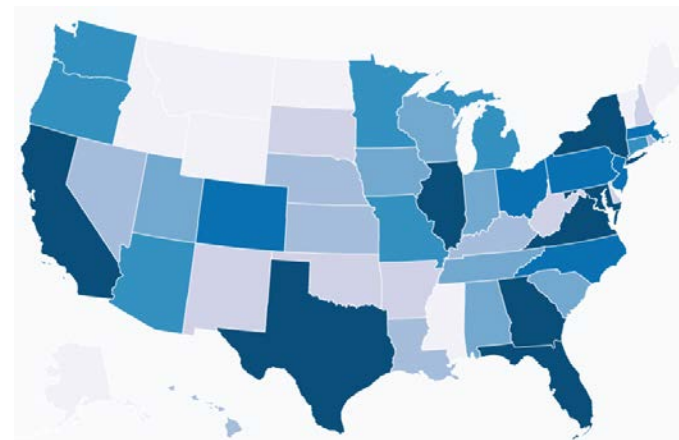


Figure 3-1. Incident Response Life Cycle

# Online tools help track our progress in closing the cybersecurity workforce gaps



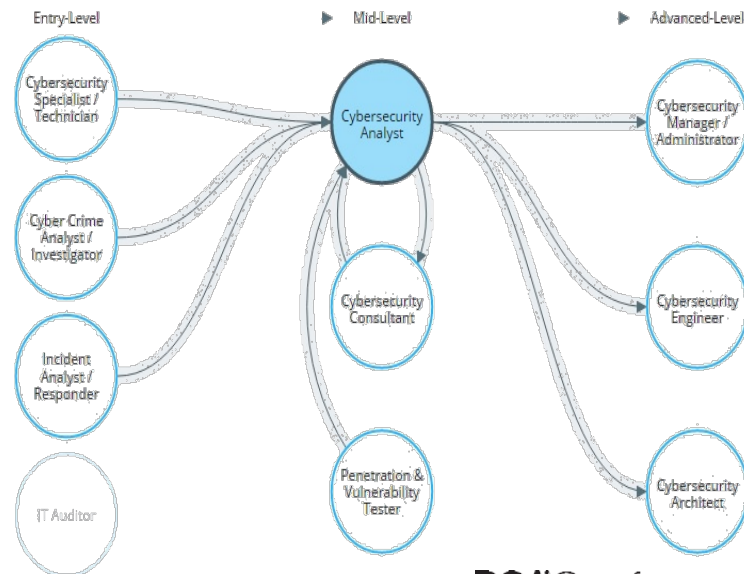
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## Cybersecurity Career Pathway

There are many opportunities for workers to start and advance their careers within cybersecurity. This interactive career pathway shows key jobs within cybersecurity, common transition opportunities between them, and detailed information about the salaries, credentials, and skillsets associated with each role.

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# NICE is about Partnership and Collaboration



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- **Cybersecurity Credentials Collaborative (C3)**



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- K-12
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- Competitions
- Training and Certifications
- Workforce Management

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# Working together we can help achieve the NICE strategic goals



- Using the tools and collaboration described, NICE helps organizations to create, connect, retain, and improve cybersecurity professionals that are qualified, effective, and satisfied



# Time to go hire train and prepare your staff for the exciting challenges in cybersecurity



- Next week you should:
  - Review NIST 800-181 and familiarize yourself with the roles, tasks and KSAs
- In the first three months following this presentation you should:
  - Align training programs with the roles and tasks within NIST 800-181
  - Revise existing requisitions to properly identify the type of staff needed for the position
- Within six months you should:
  - Share your knowledge required the KSAs and how your organization uses them to standardize hiring and performance reporting reviews





# We are happy to answer your questions



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