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### **Goal Planning**

My professional goal is to secure an entry-level cybersecurity position that will allow me to apply my skills and gain hands-on experience. I'm most interested in roles focused on security operations, network defense, and penetration testing because they align closely with my goals in the security field and the technical skills I've developed through my academic journey. I chose to explore SNHU's Career resources because I'm preparing to transition from school to the workforce and seek guidance on how to position myself for these roles better. The resources helped me understand how to connect my academic experience to real job expectations.

### **Next Steps**

My experience with the career center supports my goals by strengthening my resume and cover letter, preparing myself for interviews, and helping me focus my search on cybersecurity roles that align with my interests. After completing my degree, I can continue to use a variety of tools and resources to support my professional development in the field of cybersecurity. Career-focused resources such as SNHU Career Services, Handshake, and LinkedIn will help me refine my résumé, prepare for interviews, network with professionals, and stay informed about job opportunities. In addition, technical tools such as Wireshark, Nmap, Metasploit, and Splunk will enable me to continue developing hands-on skills in network defense, penetration testing, and security operations. Using these tools and resources after graduation will help me maintain my

technical knowledge, adapt to evolving threats, and remain competitive in the cybersecurity field.