Cyber Security Expert – Course Modules

Module 1 – Introduction to Cyber Security

- Understanding cyber threats, attacks, and vulnerabilities
- Importance of cyber security in the modern world
- Key concepts: CIA triad (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability)
- Types of cyber attackers (black hat, white hat, grey hat)

Module 2 – Networking Fundamentals for Security

- OSI & TCP/IP models
- IP addressing, subnets, and protocols
- Network devices: routers, switches, firewalls
- Common network attacks and defense strategies

Module 3 – Operating Systems & Security

- Windows security basics (User accounts, policies, permissions)
- Linux security fundamentals (File permissions, user management)
- Secure configuration and hardening techniques

Module 4 – Ethical Hacking Fundamentals

- Reconnaissance techniques (Passive & Active)
- Scanning & enumeration
- Vulnerability assessment basics
- Common hacking tools (Nmap, Wireshark, Metasploit)

Module 5 – Web Application Security

- OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities (SQL Injection, XSS, CSRF, etc.)
- Secure coding practices
- Web application penetration testing
- Tools: Burp Suite, OWASP ZAP

Module 6 - Malware Analysis & Prevention

- Types of malware (viruses, worms, ransomware, trojans, spyware)
- Malware infection vectors
- Static and dynamic malware analysis techniques
- Antivirus and EDR solutions

Module 7 – Cryptography & Data Security

- Symmetric vs asymmetric encryption
- Hashing & digital signatures
- SSL/TLS and HTTPS
- Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Module 8 – Incident Response & Digital Forensics

- Incident response lifecycle (Preparation, Detection, Containment, Eradication, Recovery)
- Evidence collection and preservation
- Disk and memory forensics tools
- Case study of a cyber breach

Module 9 – Cloud & IoT Security

- Cloud security challenges (AWS, Azure, GCP)
- Shared responsibility model
- IoT vulnerabilities and security best practices

Module 10 – Cyber Security Tools & Automation

- SIEM tools (Splunk, ELK)
- Scripting for automation (Python, Bash)
- Security monitoring and log analysis

Module 11 – Compliance & Risk Management

- GDPR, HIPAA, ISO 27001, PCI-DSS basics
- Risk assessment and mitigation strategies
- Security policies and documentation

Module 12 – Final Project & Certification Prep

- Simulated penetration testing of a network
- Incident report creation
- Preparation for certifications (CEH, CompTIA Security+, CISSP)