

Professional statement outline

To develop a professional statement that briefly explains who you are and what you are passionate about, follow the steps outlined.

Note: You will need a piece of paper or a blank word processing document to complete this activity

Step one

List two to three strengths that you currently have or are committed to developing (e.g., strong written and verbal communication, time management, programming, etc.).

Having an inventory of your strengths can help you create your professional statement. It may also encourage you to focus on skills you want to develop as you progress through the certificate program.

Step two

List one to two values you have (e.g., protecting organizations, protecting people, adhering to laws, ensuring equitable access, etc.).

Establishing your values can help you and a prospective employer determine if your goals are aligned. Ensure that you are representing yourself accurately, and be honest about what motivates you.

Step three

Ask yourself some **clarifying questions** to determine what to include in your professional statement:

1. What most interests me about the field of cybersecurity?
2. Who is the audience for my professional statement (e.g., cybersecurity recruiters, specific organizations, government employers, etc.)?
3. In what ways can my strengths, values, and interest in cybersecurity support the security goals of various organizations?

Note: This is just a draft. You should continue to revise and refine your professional statement, throughout the program, until you feel that it's ready to share with potential employers.