

# Christopher Hernandez

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## Relevant work experience

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Regional Security Operations Center Student Analyst   The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley   Edinburg, TX	02/2025 - Present Hours per week: 19
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Collaborated with cybersecurity team members to understand and implement security protocols, incident response procedures, and industry best practices in a Security Operations Center (SOC) environment.

Gained hands-on experience using key security tools, including Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) platforms, Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS), and endpoint protection solutions.

Participated in structured training sessions focused on threat analysis, vulnerability assessment, risk management, and application of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

Assisted in monitoring, documenting, and maintaining logs of security incidents and system performance metrics to support incident tracking and response efforts.

Delivered technical presentations on cybersecurity topics such as threat intelligence, social engineering, and security frameworks to peers, enhancing team awareness and knowledge sharing.

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Information Security Student Assistant   The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley   Edinburg, TX	09/2024 - 02/2025 Hours per week: 19
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Monitored security alerts and network traffic logs to identify indicators of compromise, contributing to the early detection of potential threats and vulnerabilities.

Conducted initial log analysis and threat classification in coordination with the Regional Security Operations Center (RSOC) team, supporting incident triage and escalation processes.

Assisted with incident response and remediation efforts, including documentation, tracking, and follow-up on security events.

Supported the review and prioritization of alerts generated by SIEM and other security tools, ensuring accurate threat evaluation and timely response.

Performed routine maintenance and administrative tasks related to information security tickets and service requests, contributing to the operational efficiency of the security team.

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Resident Assistant   The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley   Edinburg, TX	08/2023 - 05/2025 Hours per week: 8
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Served as a mentor and point of contact for students in a residence hall, fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful living environment through proactive engagement and peer support.

Planned, organized, and facilitated community-building events and educational programs to enhance student well-being, promote inclusivity, and strengthen campus involvement.

Enforced university policies and responded to incidents to maintain a secure residential setting, balancing enforcement with empathy and clear communication.

Addressed and mediated conflicts among residents, applying active listening and problem-solving techniques to reach positive resolutions and uphold community standards.

Collaborated with university housing staff and emergency personnel to support crisis response, reporting, and incident documentation in accordance with institutional guidelines.

## Education, certification or licensures

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The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley   Edinburg, TX	Completion date: 05/2026
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Some college (no degree) | GPA: 3.32 of a maximum of 4.0

Major: Cybersecurity

CompTIA Security+

CompTIA Network+ (Expected by May 2026)

## Job-related training

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Relevant coursework: Operating systems, Network and Data Communication, Digital Forensics, Project Management, Intrusion Detection, Cloud Computing, AI and Machine learning, Malware Hacking and Cryptography.

I have also made relevant use of the following tools through schoolwork and job training as a student analyst:

Wireshark, tcpdump, Nmap, Nessus, Splunk, Kali Linux, Burp Suite, Autopsy/Sleuth Kit, VirusTotal, TryHackMe, VirtualBox / VMware Workstation, Ubuntu / Kali / Windows VMs,

## Language skills

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English	Spoken: Advanced   Written: Advanced   Read: Advanced
Spanish	Spoken: Advanced   Written: Advanced   Read: Advanced
German	Spoken: Novice   Written: Novice   Read: Novice

Additional information

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Member of: Rio Grande Valley Model United Nations (President), Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity (Former VP of Education).  
Luneburg, Germany Study abroad On sustainability with a focus on multicultural workspaces.  
Awards: Gilman Study abroad Federal Scholarship, Catholic war Veterans Scholarship, College board scholarship.