

8-2 Activity: Planning for Your Career

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My professional goal is to secure an entry-level cybersecurity position or an apprenticeship that allows me to gain hands-on experience and develop my skills in a real-world environment. While I have built a strong foundation in cybersecurity through my coursework, I know that practical experience is essential for advancing in the field. My long-term goal is to work for a government agency or a major corporation in threat analysis, network security, or digital forensics areas. To reach this goal, I need to focus on strengthening my job application materials, improving my networking skills, and staying updated with industry trends.

To explore the SNHU Career, I searched for potential job opportunities. This was the most relevant option because I am in the final stages of my degree and actively working toward entering the workforce. I wanted to understand what cybersecurity employers are looking for, what qualifications and certifications may be required, and how I can make myself a competitive candidate. The SNHU Career Center provided valuable job search resources, including job boards, résumé-building tools, and networking opportunities. Additionally, it offered insights into different cybersecurity career paths, which helped me refine my job search strategy.

My experience with the career center will play a key role in supporting my professional goals. By exploring the job search tools, I have better understood how to find and apply for cybersecurity positions that align with my skills and interests. The résumé and cover letter resources have helped me tailor my application materials to highlight my strengths and relevant experiences. Additionally, the career center provides guidance on interview preparation, which will help me present myself confidently to potential employers. I now have a more structured approach to my job search and a clearer understanding of how to position myself in the job market.

Beyond my degree, I will continue to use several career center tools and resources. The job search tools will remain helpful as I apply for positions and explore new opportunities. The résumé and cover letter assistance will help refine my documents as I gain experience and take on new roles. Networking resources will allow me to build professional relationships and stay informed about job openings and industry trends by connecting with SNHU alums in the cybersecurity industry. Additionally, the interview preparation materials will continue to be beneficial as I advance in my career and pursue new opportunities. I can remain competitive in the ever-evolving cybersecurity field by leveraging these resources.