

# Rylan Stalnaker

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Aspiring SOC Analyst | IT Professional

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## Professional Summary

Aspiring Cybersecurity Analyst with a passion for protecting systems and solving complex security challenges. Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance at Western Governors University (expected Jan 2026). Hands-on experience through TryHackMe, Hack The Box, and personal cybersecurity labs.

Proven background in IT support, system administration, vulnerability scanning, and scripting. Strong foundation in network configuration and service management. Seeking opportunities as a SOC Analyst or Junior Security Analyst.

## Skills

Vulnerability Management, PowerShell & Bash Scripting, Troubleshooting & System Maintenance, Network Configuration & Administration, Windows & Linux Platforms, Splunk & Okta Fundamentals, Team Collaboration & Communication, IT Service Management (ITIL Foundations)

## Certifications

- • ITIL® Foundation Certificate in IT Service Management (2024)
- • CompTIA Project+ (PK0-005) – Earned 07/2025
- • CompTIA A+ – 09/2023 to 06/2027
- • CompTIA Network+ – 01/2024 to 06/2027
- • CompTIA Security+ – 06/2024 to 06/2027
- • CompTIA IT Operations Specialist (CIOS) – 01/2024 to 06/2027
- • CompTIA Secure Infrastructure Specialist (CSIS) – 06/2024 to 06/2027
- • Linux Essentials Certification – Expected 12/2024
- • Associate of ISC2 (SSCP) – Passed Feb 2025, experience pending

## Education

Bachelor of Science – Cybersecurity and Information Assurance  
Western Governors University | Expected Jan 2026

## Work Experience

### Accounting Associate

Cherokee Nation Entertainment | Tahlequah, OK | Oct 2023 – Aug 2024

- Analyzed transaction data to identify anomalies and improve secure record handling.
- Ensured timely, accurate financial processing to streamline workflows.

### Call Support Specialist

Provalus | Tahlequah, OK | Jun 2023 – Oct 2023

- Utilized Splunk to monitor solar systems and detect connectivity/security issues.
- Managed identity and access controls using Okta.
- Logged and resolved technical issues using Salesforce.

### VR Lab Specialist

American Indian Resource Center | Tahlequah, OK | Jun 2022 – Jun 2023

- Maintained and secured VR systems; applied firmware updates and troubleshooting.
- Trained educators and students on AR/VR devices.

### IT Help Desk Technician

Fort Lewis College | Durango, CO | Sep 2021 – Jun 2022

- Resolved hardware/software/network issues across campus systems.
- Logged tickets, escalated issues, and supported user education.

### VR Lab Specialist (Early Tenure)

American Indian Resource Center | Tahlequah, OK | May 2020 – Aug 2021

- Helped implement VR in K–12 classrooms and Native schools.
- Maintained device integrity and coordinated training at community events.

## Projects

### Active Directory User Management (Jan 2024)

- Designed a secure AD environment using Windows Server 2019.
- Automated 1,000 user creation using PowerShell.
- Configured DNS, DHCP, NAT, and dual NICs for internal/external routing.

### Hack The Box – Cracking into HTB Path (Jun–Jul 2024)

- Completed hands-on penetration testing modules and Linux/networking fundamentals.

### TryHackMe – Pre-Security & SOC Level 1 Paths (Aug 2023–Present)

- Gained hands-on experience in incident response, vulnerability management, and Linux basics.

### Organizations

Candidate Member, ISC2 – Since Sep 2023

### References

Available upon request.