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Immediately after graduation:

Job 1: IT Risk Management Analyst

Job 1 Link: https://www.dice.com/jobs/detail/IT-Risk-Management-Analyst-Datamatics-Consultants%2C-Inc.-Bloomington-IL-61701/datamat/383398?icid=sr20-1p&q=&l=Bloomington,%20IL

Job 2: Security Analyst

Job 2 Link: https://www.dice.com/jobs/detail/Security-Analyst-Techstar-Consulting-Inc.-Bloomington-IL-61701/10201253/353866?icid=sr39-2p&q=&l=Bloomington,%20IL

Job 3: Credential Trainer

Job 3 Link: https://www.dice.com/jobs/detail/Credential-Trainer-TEKsystems%2C-Inc.-Charlotte-NC-28202/10105424/5516624-791?icid=sr42-2p&q=&l=NC

Five to Eight Years after Graduation:

Job 1: Security Consultant

Job 1 Link: https://www.dice.com/jobs/detail/Security-Consultant-360-IT-Professionals-Inc-Bloomington-IL-61701/10529869/377959?icid=sr8-1p&q=chief%20information%20security%20officer&l=Bloomington,%20IL

Job 2: Information Security Analyst

Job 2 Link: https://www.dice.com/jobs/detail/Information-Security-Analyst-GDH-Consulting-Bloomington-IL-61701/10112156/GDH\_30423-675?icid=sr11-1p&q=&l=Bloomington,%20IL

Job 3: Information Security Analyst

Job 3 Link: https://www.dice.com/jobs/detail/Information-Security-Analyst-Hewlett-Packard-Enterprise-Company-Bloomington-IL-61701/10109419/1496119

Right out of college, I am hoping to have already found my first job. This first job, if all works out, I hope to have something to do with Computer Security. My end career goals are along the lines of being a Penetration Tester or even a Chief Information Security Officer. I have spent a lot of time in leadership rolls and I do enjoy working with people towards a common goal.

This is also why I chose my third Job in the right after Graduation part to be Credential Trainer. That sounded interesting to me as it seemed to be a position where I would be helping and teaching people while constantly learning new things. By doing this it would show to any future employers that I have an ability to lead and teach. Along with an ability to problem solve and find solutions with little direction. The other two jobs in the afore mentioned category are two entry level IT security jobs which were looking for either full time or contract work.

I would grow my skill base with any entry level security job I could find, to eventually grow up my experience and knowledge base so that I can land a position at a company that falls in line with my major career goals. Honestly, I wouldn't mind trying to get onto Google's Project Zero one day. Helping to find Zero Day vulnerabilities in all sorts of devices and software sounds extremely interesting to me.

By looking through all of the different job requests, it seems that many employers also like the applicant to have certifications. While I will keep this in mind, if I can land an entry level job and get enough experience under my belt:

A. the company may pay for me to get certified and help me learn so that they can grow me into the worker they want

B. Future employers won't care about my lack of certifications because I will have the experience behind me.

Looking at the amount of jobs in my field just in this geographical area makes me optimistic about my future career choices. I am excited to see what comes my way and willing to ride the wave wherever it takes me.