

Cybersecurity Roles & Certificates in 2025

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Certification	Skills Covered	Details
CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional)	Security & risk management, asset security, security architecture & engineering, communication & network security, identity & access management (IAM), security assessment & testing, security operations, software development security	Offered by (ISC) ² ; requires 5+ years of experience; globally recognized for security leadership roles
CEH (Certified Ethical Hacker)	Ethical hacking, penetration testing, network security, vulnerability assessment, malware analysis, social engineering, cryptography	Offered by EC-Council; focuses on offensive security and penetration testing techniques
CISM (Certified Information Security Manager)	Risk management, governance, incident management, information security program development	Offered by ISACA; designed for security managers and professionals in governance roles
Security+	Network security, cryptography, risk management, identity & access management, threats & vulnerabilities	Entry-level certification from CompTIA; widely recognized in IT security roles
OSCP (Offensive Security Certified Professional)	Penetration testing, exploit development, privilege escalation, buffer overflow, scripting	Hands-on certification by Offensive Security; focuses on practical, real-world hacking scenarios
CCSP (Certified Cloud Security Professional)	Cloud security architecture, governance, risk, compliance, legal & regulatory issues, identity & access management	Offered by (ISC) ² ; ideal for cloud security professionals
GSEC (GIAC Security Essentials Certification)	Network security, cryptography, endpoint security, incident handling, forensics	Offered by GIAC; entry to mid-level security certification
CHFI (Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator)	Digital forensics, evidence handling, malware forensics, network forensics	Offered by EC-Council; focuses on cybersecurity investigation and forensics
CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor)	IT auditing, risk management, governance, compliance, incident response	Offered by ISACA; ideal for IT auditors and security analysts
CASP+ (CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner)	Enterprise security, cryptographic techniques, risk management, incident response	Advanced-level certification from CompTIA; designed for experienced security professionals

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