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Target Position: Computer Information Technology Educator and Program Coordinator

Professional Summary

Experienced IT educator, systems administrator, and program/project manager with 15+ years of combined experience in higher education, international organizations, and industry. Proven track record in teaching computer information technology, networking, systems administration, and cybersecurity, while leading curriculum development, student mentoring, and academic-industry partnerships. Skilled in hybrid instruction, program coordination, and student advising. Passionate about preparing students for workforce success in computer engineering technology and related IT fields.

Core Competencies

- Instruction in CIT, Networking, Cybersecurity, and Software Development
- Program Coordination & Student Advising
- Curriculum & Course Design (academic & vocational)
- Systems Administration & Network Security (Windows/Linux, Cisco, AD)
- QA & Software Testing (Selenium, Java, TestNG, CI/CD)
- Digital Forensics & Cybercrime Law
- Cloud Computing (AWS Foundations, Virtualization)
- Industry Partnerships & Workforce Development
- Learning Management Systems: Canvas, Blackboard

Teaching & Professional Experience

University of Cincinnati – School of Information Technology – Cincinnati, OH

Postdoctoral Fellow | Software Project Manager | 2024 – Present

- Manage software development projects with emphasis on secure systems, QA, and student team mentoring.
- Supervise graduate students in analytics and IT projects; provide academic and career advising.
- Conduct applied research and curriculum development in AI-driven education and cybersecurity.
- Coordinate academic-industry collaborations (VIPARLink, Chatbot for ODRC).

Cydeo – Remote (VA)

Cybersecurity Analyst | 2023 – 2024

- Delivered training and mentorship in SIEM tools (IBM QRadar, CrowdStrike Falcon).
- Developed incident response protocols and risk assessment documentation.

Thermo Fisher Scientific – Remote (CA)

Software QA Engineer & Knowledge Transfer Specialist | 2020 – 2023

- Built automated testing frameworks using Java, Selenium, TestNG; delivered training sessions for QA and DevOps teams.
- Developed instructional material to support QA testing, DevOps tools, and CI/CD processes.

Self-Employed – Turkey

Digital Forensics Consultant | 2016 – 2020

- Provided digital forensics training, legal compliance reports, and IT support.

United Nations, NATO and Osman Gazi University – Worldwide Assignments

Lecturer, IT Educator, Systems Specialist, Project Lead | 2005 – 2015

- Taught IT, networking, and security to multinational teams in United Nations Worldwide Missions.
- Coordinated IT infrastructure, training programs, and election database management.
- Authored technical and multilingual instructional documentation.
- Awarded UN Service Medal and NATO Medal for leadership in IT education and systems management.

Education

Ph.D., Global Affairs – Rutgers University, NJ (2016)

M.Sc., Global Affairs – Rutgers University, NJ (2014)

B.Sc., Educational Sciences (Major) – Ankara University, Turkey

B.A., Security Sciences (Minor) – Police Academy, Turkey

Certifications

CompTIA Security+ (2024)

Cisco Certified Network Associate – CCNA (2006)

Certified Scrum Master (In Progress, Expected 2026)

Selected Achievements

- Developed cybersecurity and IT curricula for university-level programs and UN field training.
- Mentored and advised students at UC, guiding them in research, analytics, and IT career readiness.
- Published research on AI in education and cybersecurity training frameworks.
- Coordinated academic-industry collaborations to align training with workforce needs.
- Recognized by UN and NATO for IT leadership, education, and program coordination.