Cybersecurity Bootcamp FAQ

The Cybersecurity Bootcamp at Austin Peay State University is an accelerated training program designed to successfully prepare people with little or no background in IT for entry level jobs in cybersecurity – one of the most in-demand technology fields.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS

How can I apply for the Bootcamp?
Please contact the Professional and Workforce Development Center at APSU at pro-work-center@apsu.edu or 931-221-6487

What is the application process?
A representative from APSU will walk you through the process.

Are there any prerequisites for the Bootcamp?
You will need English reading proficiency, basic math and logic skills, and most of all, drive and motivation to learn in an accelerated environment. After admission, bootcampers will complete the self-paced Prework module (~20 hours) before the start of the Bootcamp, whose objective is to bring everyone to the same level of technical expertise.

I have no prior background in cybersecurity, but I am passionate about it. Can I participate in the Cybersecurity Bootcamp?

Yes! The Bootcamp requires no prior cybersecurity knowledge or experience. While it is not a requirement, a background in technology can be an advantage.

TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

What is the cost of the Bootcamp?
$11,995

Do you offer any funding/scholarships?
A representative from APSU will walk you through your options.

THE BOOTCAMP

How is it possible to learn cybersecurity in only six months?
The Bootcamp was developed under the principle of "everything you need to know but only what you need to know." ThriveDX's accelerated learning methodology – based on military bootcamps – focuses on teaching you the specific skills to hit the ground running in the cyber industry.

What is the format of the Bootcamp?
There aren't any compulsory sessions to constrain your study time. You're provided with weekly objectives to work through at your own pace. A facilitator will always be reachable for you via Discord chat, and if you need more guidance, you have the option to schedule meetings with our cybersecurity mentors. For a deeper dive into challenging topics, you can attend optional enrichment sessions with cybersecurity experts. We record these sessions and share them with you, so you can revisit the content whenever you wish. The average commitment is about 20 hours per week, depending on the weekly topic. But remember, this is your journey, and you're encouraged to move at a pace that suits you best.

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How do I communicate with fellow students

There are various Discord channels available for you to communicate with each other and with the facilitator, available for all Bootcamp programs.

Who are the instructors?

The instructor is the platform, which was developed by ThriveDX's cybersecurity experts. Through the platform, you will access content as well as practice labs and scenarios. In addition, they can schedule meetings with cybersecurity mentors if they feel that they need additional support. Students are also offered occasional voluntary sessions with cybersecurity experts discussing challenging topics and extra enrichment.

How will I learn practical cybersecurity skills?

In order for you to practice the skills you learn, the Bootcamp includes over 100 unique hands-on exercises that run in virtual machines. These are safe environments where you will be able to run different operating systems, access various tools without installing them on your computer, and practice confidently without putting your computer at risk.

Is the Bootcamp platform web-based or do I need to download software to a PC?

Everything is browser-based so there is no need to install any app or software. We recommend using the Chrome Internet browser for the best learning experience.

What are the minimal computer requirements and what is the recommended setup?

To join the Bootcamp effectively, you'll need a laptop with an up-to-date OS, and stable Internet. A second screen is recommended for the best experience.

AFTER THE BOOTCAMP

What certification will I get from this program?

Upon successful completion of the Bootcamp, you will receive a Certificate of Completion issued by ThriveDX Impact and Austin Peay State University aligned with the NICE-NIST Framework.

What type of jobs will I be able to apply for after the Bootcamp?

Our curriculum is aligned with the NICE-NIST Framework and we will prepare you to apply for jobs like Cyber Security Analyst, Network Operations Specialist, SOC Analyst, Cyber Forensics Analyst and Cyber Incident Responder.

After the Bootcamp, will I be able to apply for jobs overseas?

Skills in cybersecurity are universal, therefore, after you graduate from the Bootcamp you can apply for positions anywhere in the world.

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