Program Description
The Cyber Defense certificate is designed to prepare participants with foundation-level skills for a job in computer networking and security. The curriculum in this program will help prepare students for the following certifications: CompTIA Net+, CompTIA Security+, Cisco RSTECH, and EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH).

The 30-credit Cyber Defense Certificate transfers seamlessly into LSC's Network Administration and Security Diploma (58 credits), and AAS degree (72 credits).

Program Outcomes
- Describe the OSI Reference Model, layered communications principles and routing-switching principles with associated devices, as well as use these concepts effectively in verbal and written communication
- Manage Cisco router hardware and the Cisco Internet Operating System (IOS), including planning, installation, configuration, management, upgrading and troubleshooting of routers and switches
- Analyze organizational network needs, as well as design and implement networks that include hardware/software configuration and management and security (access control)
- Determine the factors involved in developing a secure information security strategy
- Describe and identify common security threats and attacks and describe how to safeguard against them
- Apply a common ethical hacking methodology to carry out a penetration test and describe how to implement countermeasures for these types of attacks

Pre-program Requirements
Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English/reading and mathematics.

English/Reading:
- Eligible for ENGL 1106 - College Composition I, or
- Completion of ENGL/READ 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). ENGL/READ 0950/0955 may be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

Mathematics:
- Eligible for MATH 0970 - Intermediate Algebra, or
- Completion of MATH 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). MATH 0950/0955 may be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

There are other ways to qualify. Visit Course Placement (lsc.edu/course-placement) to find out more.
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Program Area: Computer Information Systems (Fall 2022)

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For interpretation of test results and selection of appropriate coursework; or general information about the program, admissions, financial aid, and getting started at LSC, contact the professional advising team (advising@lsc.edu) or 218-733-7601

For more information about the Cyber Defense Certificate including course descriptions, course prerequisites, the program report, and potential career opportunities, see the program website (https://degrees.lsc.edu/cyber-defense/)

or

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