

NCSP Boot Camp Certification, Rev.20.21 H0DV9AAE

The NCSP Certification Training Programs are the industry's first accredited cybersecurity certification training programs based on the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (NIST-CSF).

The Boot Camp program combines the NCSP Foundation and Practitioner programs into one course, supported by one certification exam.

The NCSP Certification Training Programs teach organizations how to:

- Assess an organization's cybersecurity capabilities in order to understand its current cybersecurity state
- Design a cybersecurity program using NIST-CSF informative reference controls to realize its future cybersecurity state
- Implement and operationalize a Continual Implementation and Improvement Management System (CIIS) to automate, sustain and continually improve its future cybersecurity state

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Delivery mode	WBT
Course length	16 Hours

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Audience

- Cybersecurity engineers
- Cybersecurity specialists, examples include:
 - Pen testers
 - Ethical hackers
- IT operations
- Software and application developers
- Digital transformation
- Business risk professionals
- ITauditors
- Business professionals—lawyers, accountants
- Candidates wishing to pursue a career in cybersecurity

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for either course or exam, however, as the exam is a combination of the Foundation and Practitioner exams, this should indicate the suggested level of experience you need before attempting either the course or the exam. For more information, consult the datasheets for the Foundation and Practitioner, or call for some advice.

Course objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Use the Framework as a key part of a systematic process for identifying, assessing, and managing cybersecurity risk
- Overlay the Framework onto current processes to determine gaps in current cybersecurity risk approach and develop a roadmap
- Use the Framework as a cybersecurity risk management tool
- Determine activities that are most important to critical service delivery and prioritize expenditures to maximize the impact of the investment

Credits Earned

40 PDU and 40 CEU Credits

Body of knowledge

This course is based on the Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, version 1.1.

Detailed course outline

NCSP Foundation Training		
Chapter 01 - Course Introduction		
Lesson: Course Organization	Welcome to the course	• What do you expect?
	• Why are you here?	• Housekeeping
	Using Bloom's Taxonomy	Getting started in the classroom
Lesson: Course Resources	Course materials	My ITSM Mentoring Community
	• Syllabus	NCSP Foundation Certification Exam
	• Student manual	Agenda—NCSP Foundation
	Your day and quizzes	
Lesson: NIST-CSF "Setting the Stage"	The context	Let's get started
	NIST Cybersecurity Framework	Checkpoint
	• The story	
Chapter 02 - Digital Transformation: Becoming	Digital transformation	Learning outcomes
Digital	Introduction	
esson: Basics of Digital Transformation	What is digital transformation?	Digital transformation and critical infrastructure
	Transformation—industrial to digital era	• Digital transformation: Attributes of the digital enterprise
Lesson: Becoming Digital	Digital transformation from the corner office	Outside-in, putting customers first
	Becoming "digital"	• Transforming the enterprise
	Optimized rate of change	
Lesson: Cybersecurity and Digital	Role of cybersecurity in digital transformation	Digital transformation impacts many areas
Transformation	Cybersecurity and critical infrastructure	Cybersecurity: Key DX challenge
	Digital transformation: Basic principles (THRIVE)	
Lesson: DX and the Framework	Digital transformation and NIST Cybersecurity Framework	Buying decisions
	(CSF) Basic review of cybersecurity practices 	 Identify opportunities for new or revised Informative References
	 Establish or improve the cybersecurity program 	 Methodology to protect privacy and civil liberties
	Communicate CS requirements with stakeholders	Methodology to protect privacy and civil liberiles
Summary: Digital Transformation	Knowledge check—things you should know	Checkpoint
Chapter 03 - Understanding Cyber Risks	Understanding cyber risks	Learning outcomes
	Introduction	
Lesson: Cyber Risk Equation	The problem	MITRE Enterprise ATT&CK Framework
	Profile of an attack	The cyber risk equation
	Phases of the kill chain	• Evaluating the results—what does it all mean?
	MITRE Attack Framework	

Lesson: Cyber Risk Components	Cyber risk components: Threats	Asset value
	• Threats	Cyber risk components: Controls
	 Cyber risk components: Business and technical vulnerabilities 	Controls
	Vulnerabilities	Cyber risk: Fighting back
	Cyber risk components: Assets and information	• Risk
esson: Basics of Cyber Risk Assessment	Risk assessments	Monitor the risk
	Risk management process	Key risk concepts
	Frame the risk	Risk framing components and relationships
	Assess the risk	Organizational risk frame
	Respond to the risk	
Summary: Understanding Cyber Risks	Knowledge check—things you should know	Checkpoint
Chapter 4 - NIST Cybersecurity Framework	NIST Cybersecurity Framework fundamentals	Learning outcomes
Fundamentals	Introduction	
esson: NIST-CSF Overview	Cybersecurity Framework: Origins	NIST Cybersecurity Framework as a guide
	Key attributes of NIST-CSF	• The key areas of focus
	• The Framework is for organizations	• Why adopt the NIST CSF?
	The Framework components	Benefits of adopting NIST-CSF
	NIST Cybersecurity Framework components	Evolution of NIST-CSF
esson: Framework Core, Tiers and Profiles	NIST-CSF Core functions	Implementation Tiers example
	Core function: Goals and objectives	NIST CSF Framework Profiles
	Framework Core approach	Thinking about a Profile
	NIST-CSF Tier	Profile information input
	NIST-CSF Implementation Tiers	Seven-step process
	Key properties of cyber risk management	Core, Tiers, Profiles example
	Implementation Tiers approach	
Summary: NCSF Fundamentals	Knowledge check—things you should know	Checkpoint
Chapter 5 - Core Functions, Categories and	Core Functions, Categories and Subcategories	The Five Core Functions
Subcategories: Organizational Cybersecurity Capabilities	Introduction	Framework Core structure
•	Learning outcomes	Framework Categories, Subcategories, References
esson: Identify	Core Function Identify—purpose, goals and objectives	Core Function Identify: Subcategories (GV and RA)
	Identify: Framework Categories	Core Function Identify: Subcategories (RM and SC)
	Core Function Identify: Subcategories (AM and BE)	
.esson: Protect	Core Function Protect—purpose, goals and objectives	Core Function Protect: Subcategories (DS)
	Protect: Framework Categories	Core Function Protect: Subcategories (IP)
	Core Function Protect: Subcategories (AC and AT)	Core Function Protect: Subcategories (MA and PT)
Lesson: Detect	Core Function Detect—purpose, goals and objectives	Core Function Detect: Subcategories (AE and CM)
	Detect: Framework Categories	Core Function Detect: Subcategories (DP)

Lesson: Respond	Core Function Respond—purpose, goals and objectivesRespond: Framework Categories	 Core Function Respond: Subcategories (RP and CO) Core Function Respond: Subcategories (AN, MI and IM)
esson: Recover	 Core Function Recover—purpose, goals and objectives Recover: Framework Categories 	Core Function Recover: Subcategories (RP, IM and CO)
Lesson: Informative References	Informative References	CIS-01 to 06 mapped to NIST Core Functions
	Tailor to suit	Foundational—CIS Controls 7 to 11
	Exploring CIS 20 Critical Controls	Foundational—CIS Controls 12 to 16
	Critical Security Controls overview	CIS-07 to 16 mapped to NIST Core Functions
	CIS Controls—key principles for v7.1	Organizational—CIS Controls 17 to 20
	CIS Controls-v7	CIS-17 to 20 mapped to NIST Core Functions
	Basic—CIS Controls 1 to 6	
Gummary: Core Functions, Categories & Gubcategories	Knowledge Check—things you should know	Checkpoint
Chapter 6 - Implementation Tiers and Profiles:	Implementation Tiers and Profiles	Learning outcomes
Inderstanding Current and Future Capabilities	Introduction	
esson: Understanding Tiers	NIST Cybersecurity Framework—Tiers	• Tier 3: Repeatable
	Implementation Tiers	• Tier 4: Adaptive
	Implementation Tier objectives	Risk management practices
	• Tier 1: Partial	Example—Implementation Tiers and their use
	• Tier 2: Risk Informed	
esson: Understanding Profiles	Developing Framework Profiles	Framework Profiles
	• Profiles	Profile—an example
esson: Creating Profiles	Using the risk assessment to create the Profile	Detect Function: Detection Process
	Identify Function: Asset Management Profile	Respond Function: Analysis
	Protect Function: Data Security	Recover Function: Recovery Planning
Summary: Developing Framework Profiles	Knowledge check—things you should know	Checkpoint
Chapter 7 - Cybersecurity Improvement: Getting 'There'' From "Here''	Cybersecurity improvementIntroduction	Learning outcomes
esson: Adopt and Adapt	Adopt—the decision to move forward with NIST-CSF	Simplify everything
	Adapt—tailor NIST to your context	Adopt and apply systems thinking
	Principles of adaptation	Change is an organizational capability
	Customer drives value	Technology is a means, not an end
	Start where you are	Create to overcome entropy
Lesson: Implement and Improve	Fast Track concepts	Fast Track—implement/improve cycles
	NCSF-Fast Track controls (NCSF-FT)	Adaptive approach reduces waste, delivers value

Lesson: Continual Implementation and	CIIS approach	Step 4: Conduct a Risk Assessment
Improvement System (CIIS) as a Practice	Seven Step approach	Step 5: Create a Target Profile
	Step 1: Prioritize and Scope	 Step 6: Determine, Analyze, and Prioritize Gaps
	Step 2: Orient	Step 7: Implement Action Plan
	Step 3: Create a Current Profile	
Summary: Cybersecurity Improvement	Knowledge check—things you should know	Checkpoint
NCSP Practitioner Training Outline		
Chapter 1 - Course Introduction	Course Introduction	
esson: Course Organization	Learning outcomes	Daily routine, quizzes and exercises
	Welcome to the course	NCSP Practitioner Exam
	• Why are you here?	NCSP Bootcamp Exam
	Using Bloom's Taxonomy	Getting started in the classroom
	• What do you expect?	• Agenda
	Housekeeping online	
Lesson: Setting the Stage	Constantly evolving threat landscape	Use an adaptive way of working
	• Adopt the NIST-CSF and adapt an informative reference	Rapid Adoption and Rapid Adaptation FastTrack
	 Cybersecurity adopt and adapt—governance and management 	Continual improvement and implementation of cybersecurity
Chapter 02 - Digital Transformation and Cybersecurity	Digital transformation and cybersecurity	Learning outcomes
Lesson: DX as a Practitioner	• The industrial era and the digital era	Operational sustainability—principle themes
	Entering the digital era	• Attributes of operational sustainability
	Unique strategic challenges of the digital era	Organizational agility—principle themes
	Digital strategy concepts	Attributes of organizational agility
	Organizational culture defined	• Strategic agility—principle themes
	• The need for a digital culture	Attributes of strategic agility
	Get your culture ready to transform	Disruptive culture—principle themes
	• Digital transformation readiness framework	Disruptors are not loose cannons
	Framework structure	Digital readiness framework
Lesson: DX in the Context of Cybersecurity	More about culture than technology	Shared aspects
	Adopt and adapt—DX and cybersecurity	Different sides of the same coin
	Agility demands	
Lesson: Cybersecurity as a DX Catalyst	Start with operational sustainability	Establish a strategic approach
	Becoming agile	

Summary: Digital Transformation and Cybersecurity	Becoming digital ready	Checkpoint
	Interdependencies—DX/Cybersecurity	
Chapter 03 - Threat Landscape	Threat landscape	Introduction
	Learning outcomes	
esson: Threat Actors: Agile and Creative	Take advantage of everything: all information has value	Threat actors—agile and adaptive
	Threat actor creativity	Threat actors exploit vulnerabilities
esson: Attacks	Generic attack types	External attacks
	Typical attack profile	Insider attacks
	Lockheed-Martin Cyber Kill Chain	• Verizon 2019 Data Breach Investigation Report (DBIR)
	Typical mitigation controls	Verizon 2019 DBIR Summary
esson: Challenges	Vulnerability contributors	Lack of cybersecurity budget/funding
	Indicators for cybersecurity issues	Cybersecurity funding impacts all organizations
	Most prevalent deficiencies	Increased threat sophistication
	IT and cybersecurity	CISO actions
	Organizational challenges	
esson: Organizational Response to Threat andscape	 New approach to Information Security Management (ISM) 	General lessons from Target breach
	Understand cyber risk	• Lessons from Target breach for each attack phase (1)
	Understand importance of controls	• Lessons from Target breach for each attack phase (2)
	Breaches—lessons learned	Analysis of Home Depot breach—background
	Analysis of Target breach—background	Lessons from Home Depot breach
		Analysis of Sony breach—background
	 Analysis of Target breach—threat actor reconnaissance phase 	General lessons from the Sony breach
	 Analysis of Target breach—threat actor infection and infiltration phases 	Lessons from the Sony breach—infection and infiltratio
	 Analysis of Target breach—threat actor data collection and exfiltration phases 	 Lessons from the Sony breach—data collection and exfiltration
esson: Absolute Prevention Not Possible	Ongoing improvement is critical	What is cybersecurity deterrence
	Cybersecurity isn't implemented and done	Start with program to raise awareness
	Make strategic commitment to inculcate cybersecurity into culture	Make CS training and awareness critical part of organizational DNA
	Trust and verify	Training alone insufficient
	Not just awareness and training—deterrence	
Summary: Threat Landscape	• Threat actors	Organizational response to threat landscape
	• Attacks	Absolute prevention not possible
	Challenges	Checkpoint

Chapter 04 - The Controls	The controls	Control selection rationale
	Learning outcomes	Introduction to cybersecurity controls
	Overall approach and control selection	
Lesson: Initiation and Basic Controls	Controls phased adoption	CIS Control 1—Inventory and Control of Hardware Assets Sub Controls
	 Controls—order of precedence (initiation and basic [startup]) 	CIS Control 2—Inventory and Control of Software Assets
	 CIS Control 17—Implement a Security Awareness and Training Program 	CIS Control 2—Inventory and Control of Software Assets Sub Controls
	 CIS Control 17—Implement a Security Awareness and Training Program Sub Controls 	CIS Control 3—Continuous Vulnerability Management
	CIS Control 19—Incident Response and Management	CIS Control 4—Controlled Use of Administrative Privileges
		CIS Control 5—Secure Configurations
	CIS Control 19—Incident Response and Management Sub Controls	 CIS Control 6—Maintenance, Monitor and Analysis of Audit Logs
	CIS Control 1—Inventory and Control of Hardware Assets	5-
Lesson: Foundation Controls	CIS Control 7—Email and Web Browser Protections	CIS Control 12—Boundary Defenses
	CIS Control 8—Malware Defenses	CIS Control 13—Data Protection
	CIS Control 9—Limitations and Control of Network Ports, Protocols and Services	CIS Control 14—Control Access Based on the Need to Know
	CIS Control 10—Data Recovery Capabilities	CIS Control 15—Wireless Access Control
	CIS Control 11—Secure Configurations for Network Devices	CIS Control 16—Account Monitoring and Control
Lesson: Organizational and Recovery Controls	CIS Control 18—Application Software Security	Recovery NIST-CSF—NIST 800-53
	CIS Control 20—Penetration Tests and Red Team Exercises	
Summary: Controls	Controls—order of precedence (initiation and basic [startup])	Checkpoint
Chapter 05 - Adopt and Adapt	Adopt and adapt	Learning outcomes
Lesson: The Context of Adopt and Adapt	Introduction to adopt and adapt	Lean thinking applied
	Adopt: What's included in governance for cybersecurity?	 Cybersecurity adopt and adapt—governance and management
	 Adapt: What's included in management for cybersecurity? 	Management: Operationalization of cybersecurity
Lesson: Cybersecurity and Culture	Culture defined and thoughts about culture	How to change your culture
	Cultural patterns	Culture and cybersecurity
	Characteristics of culture types: How they process information	Final thoughts on culture
Lesson: Where We Are	Determine current state	Flow of work
	Determinative model	• 3D knowledge flow model
	Flow of improvement	Consultant's view of the flows
	Flow of communication	

Summary: Adopt and Adapt	The context of adopt and adapt	• Where we are
	Cybersecurity and culture	Checkpoint
hapter 06 - Adaptive Way of Working	Adaptive way of working	Learning outcomes
esson: Introduction to Adaptive Way to Work	Adaptive approach reduces waste, delivers value	Facilitate learning
	Little gap and big gap	Everything is subject to improvement
	Quick review	• Try something new in "the small"
	• Approach	Be proactive
	Leverage cross-functional teams	Organizational change
	Lots of small projects	Change requires engagement
	Work structure	• Focus on small steps toward a goal, not the whole
Lesson: How to Get Started	Adaptive approach	Prioritize based on most valuable thing to do "next"
	• Work in phases	Focus on value, outcomes, costs and risks
	 Ask questions: Method (how), not capability (binary choice) 	Develop different flow patterns
	Develop small requirements	
ummary: Adaptive Way of Working	Introduction to adaptive way of working	Checkpoint
	How to get started	
Chapter 07 - Rapid Adoption and Rapid Adaptation FastTrack	Rapid Adoption and Rapid Adaptation FastTrack	Rapid adoption and adaptation using FastTrack
	Learning outcomes	
Lesson: Rapid Adoption	Determine risk appetite	Balance resources and risks
	Establish cybersecurity governance	Balance resource optimization model
	Assess cybersecurity capabilities	Optimized resources
esson: Rapid Adaptation	Cybersecurity assessment	Phase 0: Initiation
	Impact on people, practice and technology	Phase 1: Establish cybersecurity beachhead
	Impact flows	Phase 2: Expand defensible perimeter
	Implementation groups	Phase 3: Refine and tailor

	Take a phased approach	
Summary: Rapid Adoption and Rapid Adaptation	Rapid Adoption and Adaptation using FastTrack	FastTrack—implement/improve cycles
FastTrack	Rapid adoption	Checkpoint
	Rapid adaptation	

Chapter 08 - CIIS Practice	CIIS Practice	Learning outcomes
	Chapter: CIIS practice	
Lesson: Ongoing Practice of Cybersecurity	Set the stage for continual improvement	Think like a threat actor
	Build a learning organization	Mitigate and protect
	How to scope ongoing improvement	Learn and improve
	Identify business systems most at risk	• Embed
	Verify or create inventory of hardware and software assets	Overall flow
Lesson: NIST 7-Step Improvement	• NIST 7-step	Step 4: Conduct Risk Assessment
	Step 1: Prioritize and Scope	Step 5: Create Target Profile
	Step 2: Orient	Step 6: Determine, Analyze and Prioritize Gaps
	Step 3: Create Current Profile	Step 7: Implement Action Plan
Lesson: Cybersecurity Maturity Model	Origins of CMMC	CMMC Model Level Descriptions—5
Certification CMMC	CMMC Model Framework	• Examples of Level 1 to 3 practices
	CMMC Model Level Descriptions—1 and 2	• Examples of Level 4 and 5 practices
	CMMC Model Level Descriptions—3 and 4	
Lesson: Integrate Cybersecurity	Balancing loop	Assess cybersecurity posture: Implementation cycle
	Escalation (archetype)	FastTrack—combined implement/improve cycles
	People, practice and technology: Improvement cycle	
Summary: CIIS Practice	Set the stage for continual improvement	Origins of CMMC
	Overall flow	FastTrack—combined implement/improve cycles
	NIST 7-step	Checkpoint
Chapter 09 - Course Summary	Course summary wrap up	

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