Graduate Certificates – Guide to Admissions

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the SANS Technology Institute’s post-baccalaureate certificate programs. This document leads you through the required steps in the process, and may be used as a checklist for completion.

REQUIRED STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Before you complete the application materials, please confirm you meet the criteria required of all applicants:

- You have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent).
- You have at least 12 months of professional work experience in information technology, information security, or audit.

The following are the required steps to complete your application to enroll in a graduate certificate program of the SANS Technology Institute:

1. Fill out the Graduate Certificate Program - Application Form, in which you will note which post-baccalaureate certificate you seek. Note that you may not seek waivers for more than 25% of the credit hours associated with a graduate certificate program.
2. Update your resume to include your current position.
3. If you seek to enroll in the Cybersecurity Engineering Core graduate certificate program, write a single-page, single-spaced, typed "Outcomes Statement" Essay describing how the certificate program will fit within your career development. We will evaluate your “Outcomes Statement” primarily to evaluate the quality of your writing, relative to the requirements in the Cybersecurity Engineering Core program for two 15-20 page research project/papers.
4. Submit the above items to admissions@sans.edu.
5. Request that your college/university submit official transcripts* directly to:

   The SANS Technology Institute
   Attn: Graduate Admissions
   PO Box 1124575
   San Diego, CA 92112

*International Students must first have their transcripts evaluated by World Education Services.
AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

You will receive a notification via email when we establish that your application is complete. Typically, we will be able to inform you of your admissions status within 30 days.

If the application is approved, you will receive a formal “Offer of Admission” via email, requiring your signature and return. This “Offer of Admission” will require that you pay tuition for your first course within 90 days, unless you request and are granted a specific exception.

If your application is denied, you will receive a notification via email with a brief explanation for the denial. Denials to the graduate certificate programs are typically the result of the evaluation of an applicant’s written essay, but are also sometimes due to the submission of insufficient prior academic or job experience.