

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.

Minimum Program Requirements

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

- Have at least 12 months of professional work experience in information technology, information security, or audit
- Be employed or have current access to an organizational environment that allows you to apply the concepts and hands-on technical skills learned during the master’s program
- Have earned a baccalaureate degree from a recognized accredited college or university, or the international equivalent), with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8

Admissions Deadlines

Application deadlines fall on the 15th of each month and application review takes up to 30 days.

Submit Complete Application By:	Receive Admissions Decision No Later Than:	Start New Student Orientation:
February 15	March 15	April 1
March 15	April 15	May 1
April 15	May 15	June 1
May 15	June 15	July 1
June 15	July 15	August 1
July 15	August 15	September 1

- If admitted, students will be eligible to join the next available [New Student Orientation](#) (NSO), which begin the first of each month. Only after a student completes New Student Orientation will they be allowed to register for their first course.

Application Requirements

All application materials, with the exception of the application fee and official transcripts, will be submitted online at apply.sans.edu. All applicants must submit the following:

- A. Application Form
 - To log into the graduate application portal, you must create a SANS account at <https://www.sans.org/account/create>. If you already have an account, please log into the graduate application using your SANS account credentials.
 - The application can be found online at apply.sans.edu and you will be guided through each step. The application will not be reviewed for admission until all supporting documents are submitted.
- B. Current Résumé
- C. Official Transcripts
 - Students must submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities where a degree was conferred.
- D. Application Fee
- E. Writing Sample (Cybersecurity Engineering (Core) program only)

Application Details

Submit a Current Résumé

Highlight your current experience and showcase your career history. Make sure to include all industry certifications and your educational background.

Official Transcripts

Please have your college/university submit official transcripts directly to transcripts@sans.edu. If electronic delivery is not an option, please mail official, sealed copies to:

SANS Technology Institute
Attn: Graduate Admissions
11200 Rockville Pike, Ste. 200
North Bethesda, MD 20852

IMPORTANT: If submitting a transcript from a college /university outside of the United States, please first review the requirements for international students (<https://www.sans.edu/admissions/international>).

Submit the Application Fee

In order to complete the application process, students must submit the non-refundable \$35 application fee. The fee can be paid online through our [payment suite](#).

Writing Sample Instructions (Cybersecurity Engineering (Core) program only)

Applicants to the Cybersecurity Engineering Core program should describe his/her desired goals for applying to the program. Provide an organized and thoughtful Outcome Statement in one to two pages detailing your expectations for a return on your investment in earning a graduate certificate in information security. What drives you to pursue this degree program? Your goals should be specific, realistic, time-related, and if possible, measurable. Integrate how your professional and/or personal background and experiences led to this choice, and how they relate to the desired outcomes. This should be 1-2 pages in length.

Requirement: Please list at the top of the first page the relevant title (above), your name, and the date. Please use single-spaced paragraphs with a double space between them. Font should be 11-point, in Times New Roman, or Calibri, or Arial. Of course, be mindful of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and syntax, which are essential fundamentals to our evaluations.

Additional Instructions for International Students

Please review the full set of additional application requirements at <https://www.sans.edu/admissions/international>.

Additional Instructions for Student Veterans

Please review the full set of additional application requirements at <https://www.sans.edu/veterans/admissions>.

Conclusion

The SANS Technology Institute aspires to be the preeminent graduate institution translating contemporary information security practice and scholarship into effective educational experiences. Attracting and selecting the very best candidates for our program are critical elements to achieve this goal. We thank you for your interest, and wish you success with your application. Should you have questions during the application process, please email info@sans.edu.