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 or information security
- 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 graduate 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. If admitted, students will be eligible to join the next available New Student Orientation (NSO), which begins 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 https://application.sans.edu/apply/. All applicants must submit the following:

A. Application Form
   - To log into the graduate application portal, you must have a SANS account.
     - To create a SANS account visit: 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 https://application.sans.edu/apply/ and you will be guided through each step.
   - Once the application form is submitted, you will see a checklist for the remaining items to submit. The application will not be reviewed for admission until all supporting documents are submitted.

B. Current Résumé
C. Official Transcripts
D. Application Fee
E. Aptitude Assessment
Application Details

Current Résumé
Highlight your current experience and showcase your career history. Provide details on your responsibilities in your current role and previous roles to help understand your experience in information technology/information security. Make sure to include all industry certifications and your educational background.

Official Transcripts
Students must submit official transcripts for all schools where a degree was conferred.

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

SANS Technology Institute
PO Box 184
Pella, IA 50219

All transcripts submissions must be official, which means they are sent directly from your prior school(s) to SANS.edu with no student contact involved.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 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. You will also see instructions for paying this fee on the application checklist, after submitting your application form.

Aptitude Assessment
Applicants will be required to complete an online aptitude assessment. After submitting your application form, you will see your checklist with instructions for accessing the assessment.

You will have two hours to complete the 50-question assessment which will cover areas such as networking concepts, operating systems, and general information security aptitude. You will not receive a score report after the assessment.

We recommend taking the assessment when you have the full 2 hours to devote to it without being interrupted. Students will have 1, and only 1, attempt at this assessment and we do not offer re-takes.

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 is the preeminent cybersecurity college translating contemporary information security practice 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.