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10 Tips for Getting a Cybersecurity Job (Without Experience)

#1: Know what drives you

Cybersecurity involves cutting-edge work that shapes the field.

It offers opportunities for personal growth.

#2: Develop a game plan

Research job descriptions for different cybersecurity careers.

Identify the skills you should focus on developing.

#3: Learn the vocabulary

Many familiar skills or job titles go by other names in the cybersecurity field.

#4: Evaluate what you know

Identify the skills you have that can be used in security, like accountability or ethics.



#7: Get ready to learn

Apply to companies that support employee growth with on-the-job training.

#8: Use the skills you have

General skills gained in other positions can help you retain information in a new field.

#5: Investigate training opportunities

- Learn what applications and software cybersecurity companies use.
- Find opportunities to train with or obtain certifications in those tools.

#9: Get a referral

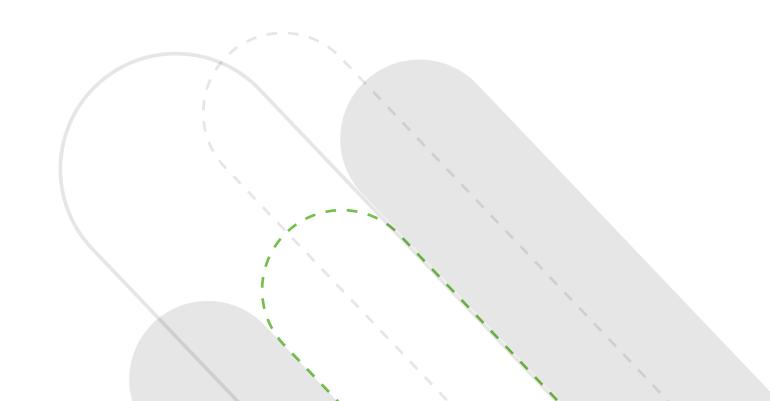
- Find professional connections who work for companies you're applying to.
- Ask your connections for referrals that mention applicable skills you have.

#6: Find companies that value diverse employees

- Research the values of companies you're applying to.
- Choose companies that build teams with diverse experiences or viewpoints.

#10: Find and keep mentors

Find someone to provide support, guidance, and motivation in your position. Pay it forward by mentoring others!



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