

HOW TO BREAK INTO TECH CAREERS

*20 best Comments from the
50k person Breaking into Tech
Careers FB Group*



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SOME OF THE OPTIONS TO HELP YOU GET IN THE DOOR

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WHAT IS THE SIMPLEST TECH CERT TO GET MY FOOT IN THE DOOR THAT'S AFFORDABLE ?

TOP ANSWERS

LOOK INTO SALESFORCE CERTIFICATION CAN EASILY GET A HIGH PAYING REMOTE POSITION. ALSO LOOK INTO THE PM FIELD. A LOT OF SYSTEMS THAT ARE USED LIKE MICROSOFT PROJECT, PRIMAVERA P6 ETC.... SCRUM CERT IS NOT TOO BAD... HIGH PAYING JOBS IN THE 100K RANGE OR MORE..

A+ BUT YOU'D BE STARTING OFF WITH ENTRY LEVEL HELP DESK OR PC TECH JOBS. SOMETIMES CERTAIN STATES SPONSOR PROGRAMS FOR CERTS DEPENDING ON WHAT STATE YOU RESIDE IN. IT DEPENDS ON YOUR BASE KNOWLEDGE IN IT. YOU CAN SOMETIMES SKIP THE A+ AND GO FOR SEC+ OR NET+. EACH COMPTIA EXAM TOOK ME 2 WEEKS OF HARD STUDYING. KEEP STUDYING AFTER YOU PASS TO KEEP THAT KNOWLEDGE. THE MAJORITY OF EMPLOYERS DO NOT YET RECOGNIZE GOOGLE, COURSERA, AND MOST (NOT ALL) AMAZON CERTS. GET CERTIFIED WITH INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED VENDORS LIKE: COMPTIA, CISCO, ISC², GAQM, GAIC.

THIS REALLY DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU WANT TO GO INTO TECH-WISE. THE CERTS NEEDED FOR SECURITY ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE CERTS FOR IT WHICH ARE DIFFERENT FROM DATA AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT.

A+ ---> SECURITY+ ---> NETWORK+ IS A GREAT PLACE TO START. COULD SWAP SEC AND NETWORK, DEPENDING ON WHAT JOB YOU'RE FOCUSING ON. KEEP IN MIND, CERTS AREN'T EVERYTHING. GOT A 100% RED HAT GUY IN MY BS CYBER PROGRAM, CURRENTLY WORKING DOD. HE HIT A WALL WITHOUT THAT DEGREE.

I'LL ECHO SOME COMMENTS HERE: IT DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU WANT TO GO IN YOUR CAREER.

COMPTIA A+ IS A GREAT PLACE TO START IF YOU WANT IT SUPPORT ROLES, BUT KNOW YOU MUST PASS 2 EXAMS (CORE 1 & CORE 2) TO GET THE FULL CERTIFICATION, WHICH MEANS YOU'LL NEED TO PURCHASE, AT MINIMUM, 2 VOUCHERS TO TAKE THE EXAMS, ALONG WITH WHATEVER STUDY MATERIALS YOU'LL USE IF YOU SELF-STUDY. AND AS MANY RETAKE VOUCHERS AS NEEDED IF YOU DON'T PASS THE EXAMS, WHICH ARE RATHER TEDIOUS.

DEVELOPERS DON'T NEED CERTIFICATES AS MUCH AS PROJECT PORTFOLIOS SHOWCASING THEIR WORK, BUT BOOT CAMPS FOR DEVELOPER COURSES COME WITH HIGH PRICE TAGS.

I'LL BE A CHEERLEADER FOR PER SCHOLAS IN TERMS OF CERTIFICATES AND EDUCATION BECAUSE THEY DON'T CHARGE FOR THEIR COURSES OR MATERIALS. YOU JUST NEED TO COMMIT THE TIME TO STUDY

- 1. NICHE DOWN TO A MARKET WHICH NEEDS TECH WORKERS, BUT ALSO WHICH YOU'RE AN EXPERT IN OUTSIDE OF TECH. EXAMPLE: FIND TRUCKING INDUSTRY TECH ROLES. THAT'S HOW YOU STAND OUT AMONG COLLEGE GRADS WHO POSSESS NO MARKET KNOWLEDGE.**
- 2. HACK THE JOB SITES BY REVERSE ENGINEERING THE TOP 7 SKILLS THEY WANT AND NAIL THOSE SKILLS.**
- 3. MANAGE YOUR RISK BY KEEPING YOUR STEADY INCOME UNTIL YOU GET HIRED INTO TECH.**
- 4. DO NICHED TECH PROJECTS FOR PAY AND PRO BONO. NOBODY CARES HOW MUCH YOU GOT PAID AND WILL NEVER ASK.**
- 5. MANAGE YOUR FRUSTRATION BY KEEPING PERFORMANCE, PRESENTATION, AND PERSISTENCE AT 100%.**
- 6. LEARN THE LINGO OF THE INDUSTRY SO YOU DON'T BOMB AN INTERVIEW LIKE A NOOB GETTING NERVOUS AT TECH SPEAK.**
- 7. REFINE YOUR RESUME WEEKLY AND MATCH THE KEY POWER WORDS ON EACH JOB YOU APPLY TO. REQUISITIONS ARE SCANNING VIA ATS TO SHUT YOU DOWN AND FILTER BY KEYWORDS.**
- 8. WORK WITH RECRUITERS. HELP THEM GET YOU PLACED.**
- 9. DAILY KPI ACCOUNTABILITY TO YOUR 90 DAY 60 DAY 30 DAY AND WEEKLY GOALS AND TASKS.**

GOOGLE IT SUPPORT IS A GOOD START AND ACTUALLY MEANS SOMETHING. YOU'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT IT IN THIS COURSE THAN ALMOST ANY OTHER FOR \$50 IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR CYBER SECURITY, I RECOMMEND DOING GOOGLES CERT, AFTER DO IT SUPPORT. IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW ALL THE BASICS.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR PROGRAMMING, I RECOMMEND UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGANS PYTHON 4 EVERYONE. IT DOESN'T MEAN A WHOLE BUNCH BUT IT GETS YOU SOME PRETTY GOOD PROJECTS FOR THE START OF A PORTFOLIO.

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CHECK OUT CLICK HERE? AND YOUR CLICK
HERE ORGANIZATIONS FOR WOMEN IN
CYBERSECURITY YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT.
THEY OFFER TRAINING AND SOMETIMES
HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINING. THERE
IS ALSO BLACK WOMEN TECH TALK YOUR
PARAGRAPH TEXT

CHECK IF YOUR CITY HAS A BSIDES
CONFERENCE OR OTHER SECURITY
CONFERENCES. YOU CAN ALSO LOOK FOR
LOCAL WOMEN IN TECH MEETUP GROUPS.
IF YOU ARE LOOKING AT GETTING THE
CERTS AND MAYBE COURSES. I KNOW YOU
STATE NOT GETTING A DEGREE BUT ALSO
LOOK AT WGU YOU GET ALL OF THE CERTS
AS A PART OF YOUR COLLEGE CREDITS AND
2 ATTEMPTS PER TEST THAT THEY COVER AS
PART OF YOUR TUITION. THEY HAVE BOTH A
DATA SOMETHING DEGREE AND
CYBERSECURITY. I KNOW FOR SURE ALL OF
THE COMPTIA ARE IN THE CYBERSECURITY
DEGREE. IF YOU CAN GET SCHOLARSHIPS
TO MAKE THIS LOW COST.

UDEMY DION NETWORK + AND THEN SECURITY + (AROUND \$12-\$15 PER COURSE), AND ALSO PROFESSOR MESSER VIDEOS (THEY ARE FREE). THEY ARE ALL VERY AFFORDABLE TRAINING RESOURCES.

AFTER YOU LEARN THROUGH ALL TOPICS IN THEIR VIDEO COURSES, PURCHASES DION PRACTICE EXAMS ON UDEMY AND ALSO NEED TO FIND A SECOND PRACTICE EXAMS + LAB SOURCE SUCH AS BOSONS. JUST KEEP PRACTICING ON THOSE EXAMS AND REVIEW TOPICS RELATED TO MISSED QUESTIONS.

DO THE COMPTIA A+, NET + OR SEC +.
BETTER INDUSTRY CERTS.

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