

# Passage Program Placement Initiative

For seasoned professionals and recent graduates, navigating the job market in cybersecurity can be a daunting endeavor. According to CISA's 2019 Cybersecurity Workforce Study, *pursuing a career in cybersecurity is not as straightforward as other more traditional professions*. Colleges and Universities have worked to meet the educational need through a variety of programs and degrees, however the path for starting and building a cybersecurity career continues to vary greatly.

Supporting the development of new cybersecurity talent and improving the skills of existing professionals in the field is core to the mission of the Tech Data Cyber Range. The Passage Program Placement Initiative\* was created to assist individuals with beginning and advancing their careers in cybersecurity.

Candidates that are accepted into the Passage Program Placement Initiative can expect:

- No out-of-pocket costs to enroll for qualified individuals
- Real-world assessments of one's cybersecurity skills and knowledge
- Hands-on-skills training to prepare for the job readiness
- Support with career path development, resume building and interview readiness
- Identification of cybersecurity competencies and areas of development
- Job placement support for program candidates with recruiters and hiring organizations

If you are looking for support in charting your course through the turbulent waters of today's cybersecurity job market, then the Passage Program Placement Initiative may be right for you.

**350%**  
growth in open  
cybersecurity  
positions from  
2013 to 2021

**61%**  
of companies  
think applicants  
are not qualified

**> 2/3s**  
of cybersecurity  
professionals  
struggle with  
career path

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\*Tech Data is a worldwide leader in the distribution of IT products and services. The TDCR Passage Program Placement Initiative supports the development and placement of security professionals into today's evolving and competitive cybersecurity job market. Enrollment into the TDCR Passage Program Placement Initiative does not guarantee program completion or future job placement.