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Using the NICE Workforce Framework for Cybersecurity, I would align my career path to focus on Protection and Defense (PD). The Protection and Defense industry is responsible for mitigating, identifying, and analyzing risks to systems or networks. This includes the investigation of events or crimes related to technology. As a cybersecurity student, pursuing a career in any of these PD roles offers the chance to combat dynamic and engaging challenges. Each role is compelling because it provides opportunities for problem solving and continuous learning. The roles under the Protection and Defense path all have the same motive to dive deep into uncovering evidence to support investigations while making a significant impact in safeguarding digital environments from constantly evolving threats. Professionally, these diverse opportunities provide a path to career growth, and the satisfaction of contributing to the broader security of the digital world. On the contrary, cybersecurity majors often have a deep interest in protecting systems and networks from cyber threats. The Investigation field focuses on collecting, processing, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence about foreign actors in cyberspace programs does not appeal to my interests. The often secretive and high pressure dynamic of such roles seem like a specialized industry that may be accompanied by a lot of stress. I prefer a more collaborative and impactful approach to cybersecurity.