

Why are you interested in cybersecurity technology?

Cybersecurity is currently a career field that is constantly growing. One of the reasons that I was attracted to this career path is the employment rate. It seems that if you follow the right paths, there is a guarantee to get a job in this field. I am always interested in the future of a specific field, as in what are the potentials for growth, when choosing a career path. I had the same mindset in my previous studies in healthcare. I know that people will always get sick, therefore, there will always be a need for hospitals, clinics, etc. If there is always a need, I will/should always have options for jobs. Another reason was the salaries associated with job in this field. It is possible to make near six figures starting out in this field. While serving in the military, I worked around several members that were in Medical Information Systems. I was given the opportunity to study for and earn a Security + certification through CompTIA. From there, I gained interest and began my Cybersecurity studies at ODU in the fall of 2022. While studying, in my first semester, I was mind blown with some of the topics. One video I watched, there was a 12-year-old boy that hacked into a computer within the matter of minutes. You hear about attacks sometimes, but to be studying about it has taken me to the next level in interests and protecting myself and children. With my kids it is an eye opener because technology is used so much more than when I was growing up. I didn't have social media until high school, but my 8-year-old twins are asking about TikTok and other social media. I think that schools should begin to incorporate teaching kids how to be safe when using the internet.