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During my search for an internship or entry-level position, many places were asking for experiences in the field, your education in the IT world, certifications, and multiple skills that you need to know. For example, in skills, a lot of places ask for experience in Office 365, VMware, group policies, coding languages, and many more. I started researching what types of certificates I should get to help in my career. While I was researching several questions came to me. The questions were while I was studying for my associate’s degree and now my bachelor's degree, why have my professors over the year never told me that you have to get a certificate to get into an entry-level position? The second question was how I am going to get experience in the IT field if entry-level jobs and even internships want students to have already two to three years of experience. When I finished researching there was one certificate that stood out and it was the CompTIA Security +. The cost to take the exam was $352 on Professor Messer’s website and the original price is $392 on the official CompTIA website. I bought my material to study from the website Udemy for $10 with a practice exam. When anyone is ready to take a test, they must get a voucher or pay for the exam on Pearson Vue and can find the local locations to take the exam in person or you can take it online with strict guidelines. When I began studying, I also learned that CompTIA Security + is the basic information for someone who is pursuing a career in cybersecurity. Students can use information from the past course to help them understand the information more quickly and effectively. While studying I learn the CIA triad and the AAA of security in depth.

During my time studying, I also applied to multiple internships without hearing anything in return and many other entry-level jobs gave me the response that they like my resume, but I haven’t reached the qualifications they are searching for. Expected one job from a small company that gave me a chance to start my career. The company name is C2 Management and the job title I applied for is Secure IT Technician. During the interview process, I had an interview by phone with Jay Pastor from HR if I was still interested. The second interview was in person. While I was there, I couldn’t bring my phone inside the building. I had a walk through the Department of Secure, talk to Brooke who works there, and at the very end, Jay asks me if I was interested. I replied “Yes, I am very interested in the department and looking forward to improving the department. I had a last interview with the department manager Rhett, Rhett asked questions about my knowledge of basic computer repair, the command line for switches, and my willingness to adapt. I answered the question by using my knowledge in building my personal computer and using my knowledge in my four years of studying in college. On my first day of work on February 1, I had to fill out paperwork and talked about a lot of procedures all about servers, blade servers, how to dismantle a server, and pc/laptops. On my second day of work, I finish up my courses and then officially started my hands-on experience with Pcs then introduced me to the Aikens workshop. That you must audit the Pc first and erase all the information from the previous company and make sure the computer has the right parts to start up the pc (rams and a CPU). We go to the bios to make sure the legacy boot is turned on and turn off secure boot. Then we grade the pc and if I find a hard drive, we erase the date and scrap it.