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Journal 1

NICE Workforce Framework Reflection

After reviewing the NICE Workforce Framework, I ranked the categories from most interesting to least interesting based on my career goals and personal interests. Here is my ranking:

1. Investigation (IN)
2. Protection and Defense (PD)
3. Oversight and Governance (OG)
4. Implementation and Operation (IO)
5. Systems Security Management
6. Program Management
7. Cybersecurity Policy and Planning
8. Secure Project Management
9. Security Control Assessment
10. Executive Cybersecurity Leadership
11. Technology Program Auditing
12. Cybersecurity Legal Advice
13. Privacy Compliance
14. Product Support Management
15. Cybersecurity Workforce Management
16. Cybersecurity Instruction
17. Technology Portfolio Management
18. Cybersecurity Curriculum Development

19. Communications Security (COMSEC)

20. Systems Authorization

Top 3 Categories and Why They Interest Me

1. Investigation (IN):

My background as a former police officer gives me a strong interest in digital investigations and cybercrime. This category aligns perfectly with my goal of becoming a Special Agent with the FBI, where cyber investigations play a major role in national security and law enforcement.

2. Protection and Defense (PD):

I'm drawn to this area because it focuses on actively defending systems and networks against cyber threats. The idea of identifying vulnerabilities and stopping attacks fits with my desire to protect people—just in a new digital setting.

3. Oversight and Governance (OG):

I'm interested in leadership roles that shape the direction of cybersecurity policy and risk management. This category allows me to think big picture and contribute to long-term strategies that protect entire organizations or agencies.

Lowest Ranked Category: Systems Authorization

I ranked Systems Authorization lowest because it involves heavy documentation, compliance reviews, and formal approval processes. While I understand its importance, I'm more interested in hands-on work and investigative roles than the more administrative aspects of cybersecurity.