

Review the NICE Workforce Framework. Rank the categories based on how much they interest you. Write about why your top three categories interest you. In addition, write about your lowest ranked category and why you think it would interest you the least?

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Ranked from most interesting to least interesting category from the NICE Framework, operate and maintain is my #1, protect and defend, securely provision, oversee and govern, collect and operate, investigate, and finally, analyze.

Operate and maintain is in my top three because it is simply the most straight forward to me. I have a background in inspection and quality assurance, more specifically Non-destructive Inspection or NDI. A change of pace to something a little more tangible in the sense of straight forward results that I create and can see because of my efforts is what I am trying to lean more towards. The ability to operate and maintain cybersecurity/ information technology are very important skills to have in modern times.

Protect and defend is in my top three because I believe it is also another very important category and skillset to have in modern times. Information systems and networks are part of our everyday life and being able to protect and defend them not only benefits the companies I would work for, but my family back home.

Securely provision is in my top three as well because it seems to be the most intimate with information technology systems and networks. Being able to not only operate and maintain them, but engineer/create them seems very fascinating and just a step above the rest. Plus, working with a team and building a system sounds like it would be very rewarding in the end.

Analyze is my lowest ranked category due to its inspection type nature. This category doesn't deal with the cybersecurity/IT systems itself, rather more towards the data and intelligence acquired from it.

References

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