

Module 4: Blue Team & SOC Operations

100 hrs · R12,000 · 5 weeks

The defender's discipline. This SOC analyst training course teaches you to monitor, detect, investigate and respond to real-world cyber threats — using the same tools as professional security operations centres....

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Training Hours

R12,000

Module Fee

5 weeks

Full-Time

10 weeks

Part-Time

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Delivery

WEEKLY CURRICULUM

What You'll Learn

Security Monitoring & SIEM Deployment

SIEM architecture and log management fundamentals. Deploy Security Onion in your VM lab. Configure log sources: Zeek ...

Threat Intelligence & Threat Hunting

MITRE ATT&CK framework: tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs). Sigma rules for detection engineering. Threat ...

Incident Response & Digital Forensics

The IR lifecycle: Preparation → Detection → Containment → Eradication → Recovery → Lessons Learned. Memory forensics ...

Vulnerability Management

Nessus credentialed and uncredentialed scanning. CVSS v3.1 scoring and risk prioritisation. Patch management workflow...

Splunk SIEM & CySA+ Exam Prep

Splunk architecture, log ingestion via forwarders, SPL (Search Processing Language) fundamentals, correlation rules, ...

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After This Module You Will Be Able To

- ✓ Deploy and operate Security Onion as a full network security monitoring platform in a VM lab
- ✓ Analyse Zeek logs and Suricata alerts to identify active intrusions and suspicious network behaviour
- ✓ Perform a structured incident response including memory forensics with Volatility
- ✓ Build Splunk dashboards with SPL queries for real-time threat detection
- ✓ Conduct vulnerability management using Nessus, CVSS scoring and CIS Benchmark compliance checks
- ✓ Demonstrate CompTIA CySA+ (CS0-003) exam readiness across all four exam domains

TOOLS & PLATFORMS

Security Onion

Zeek (Bro)

Suricata

Splunk SIEM

Volatility (memory forensics)

FTK Imager

Nessus

Wireshark

MITRE ATT&CK Navigator

TryHackMe (SOC Level 1 path)

Certification Alignment

This module prepares you for the following internationally recognised exams. Exam fees are separate.

CompTIA CySA+ (CS0-004)

WHAT TO EXPECT

Your Learning Experience



Expert-Led Live Training

Live sessions, not recordings. Taught by industry practitioners with 20+ years of training experience.



Hands-On VM Labs

Every topic has a lab exercise. You build, break and defend real systems in your own VM environment.



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FAQS

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Why do I need 16 GB RAM for this module?

Module 4 runs Security Onion, Kali Linux and at least one attack simulation VM simultaneously. Security Onion alone requires 8 GB RAM as a minimum — combined with your host OS and other VMs, 16 GB is the practical minimum for stable lab performance. A hardware guide is provided on enrolment. If your laptop has only 8 GB RAM, contact us — cloud-hosted lab alternatives are available at additional cost.

Q What is the difference between CySA+ and Security+?

Security+ (Module 2) is a broad baseline covering policy, compliance and general threat awareness. CySA+ (CS0-003) is the next step — it focuses specifically on applying behavioural analytics, threat intelligence and incident response at the analyst level. CySA+ assumes you already hold Security+ or equivalent knowledge, which is why Module 2 is the prerequisite.

Q What salary can a CySA+ holder earn in South Africa?

A certified SOC Analyst (L1/L2) with CySA+ can expect R360,000–R480,000 p.a. in South Africa as of 2026. L2 incident responders with 1–2 years' experience typically earn R480,000–R650,000 p.a. Financial sector employers (banks, insurers) tend to pay at the higher end. Remote roles for UK/EU employers are increasingly available at £35,000–£50,000 p.a.

Q Does this module use real-world attack simulations?

Yes. Week 2 (Threat Hunting) and Week 5 (Splunk) use pre-recorded attack scenarios — PCAP captures and log datasets from real incidents — that you analyse as if responding live. Week 4 includes a simulated incident response scenario where you receive an alert, investigate with Volatility and Zeek, and produce a formal IR report.

Q Can I use SDL funding for CompTIA CySA+ training?

Yes. Corporate clients can submit CySA+ training as a qualifying skills development expense under the SDL provided it appears on your Workplace Skills Plan. We issue an official certificate of completion and provide an SDL-formatted training schedule and provider letter on request. Contact our corporate training team for group booking rates.

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