

# CAREER PATH

## **With (ISC)<sup>2</sup>®, Information Security is Not Just a Job, It's a Career**

The (ISC)<sup>2</sup> sponsored Global Information Security Workforce Study (GISWS) has consistently recorded growth in the number of information security professionals worldwide and the number is projected to increase to almost 2 million by 2010.

This is a fast- and ever-growing phenomenon. Twenty years ago, the field of information security was in its infancy. Organizations were just getting used to new infrastructures much less worrying about security breaches. Those that did foresee system threats simply repositioned a few IT people into the role, most of whom had no formal background or education in the field of information security. In turn, these ad hoc information security specialists would report back to someone in IT which overall, carried very little weight with upper management.

Today, the business of information security has virtually exploded. As rogue attacks, viruses and changing technology hit the marketplace, companies are playing catch-up to guarantee that their assets are protected. Information security is no longer viewed as an adjunct to the IT department, but as a critical specialty unto itself. Consequently, education and skill requirements have taken a radical departure from tradition, giving rise to a whole new era of career professionals trained to deter, deflect and defend against security threats; accountability is shifting to the CEO and the Board of Directors. Today more information security teams report directly to a C-level executive, who has ultimate responsibility for compliance issues.

Witness the clamor to hire this new generation of information security professionals coming straight from school. Transitioning IT people from other departments to security roles is quickly becoming a thing of the past as employers seek those with specialized training. With this in mind, (ISC)<sup>2</sup> developed an entire career path to provide a logical mapping of appropriate credentials designed to build meaningful and successful careers in the field of information security, while protecting those who hire them.

The (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Career Path is designed to cover a wide range of job functions within the information security organization. If you are the hands-on practical type the credentials we suggest to enhance your career will be very different from those we offer a candidate who intends to pursue a managerial or governance position.

Hiring first-rate information security personnel is now critical to mitigating risks that can destroy a company's reputation, violate a consumer's privacy, result in the theft or destruction of intellectual property, and, in some cases, endanger lives.



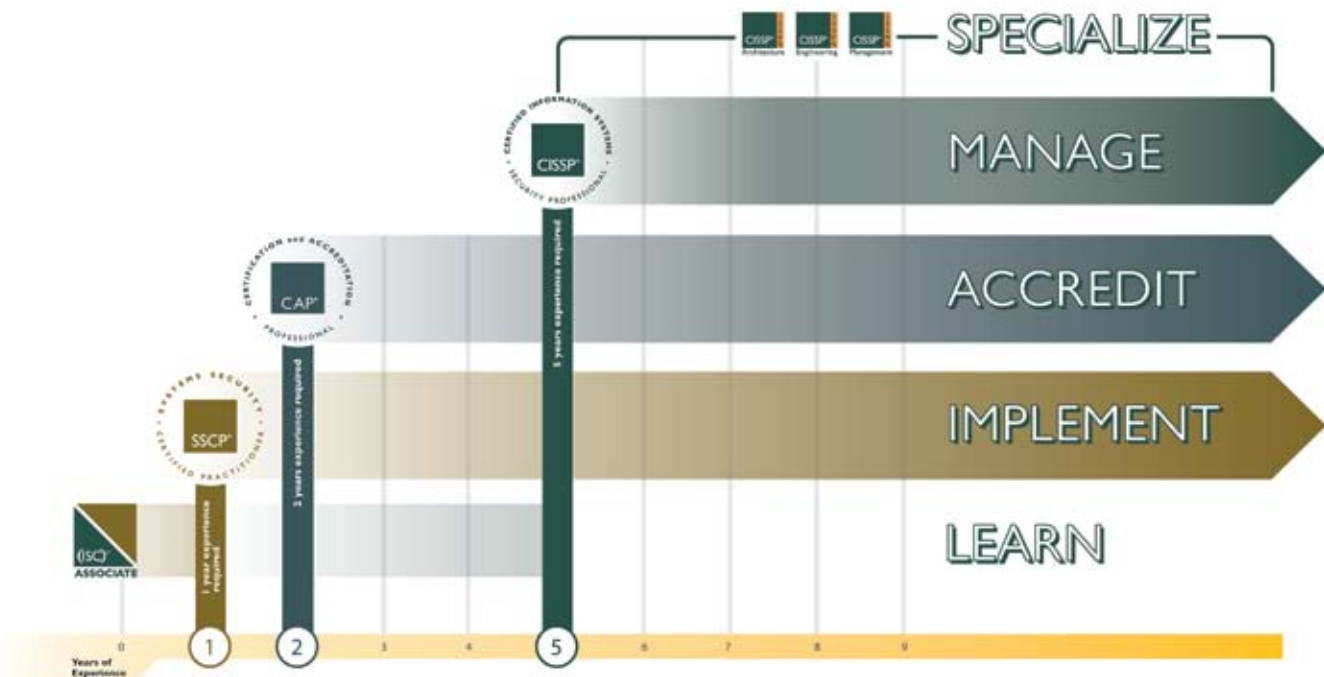
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Driven by increasing regulations and the desire to maximize global commerce opportunities, protecting information assets has become one of the most important functions within any organization, public or private. For this reason, organizations increasingly rely on information security professionals to implement a suitable set of controls, including policies, processes, procedures, organizational structures, software and hardware functions. These controls need to be established, implemented, monitored, reviewed and continually improved to ensure that the specific security and business objectives of the organization are met.

Individuals interested in pursuing a career in information security and employers looking for skilled staff members should contact (ISC)<sup>2</sup>® for more information, visit [www.isc2.org/careerpath](http://www.isc2.org/careerpath).

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(ISC)<sup>2</sup> provides a career path for information security professionals from the beginning of their career until retirement. We offer a unique blend of certifications, advanced education, rigorous testing and specialized concentrations. (ISC)<sup>2</sup> members are at the forefront of today's dynamic information security industry.



All (ISC)<sup>2</sup> credentials are accredited to ANSI/ISO/IEC Standard 17024:2003

*(ISC)<sup>2</sup> is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to certifying information security professionals around the world. With tens of thousands of credentialed specialists worldwide, (ISC)<sup>2</sup> is dedicated to helping both the certified individual and their organization be successful in the information security industry. Indeed, our credentials are considered the Gold Standard in information security. So (ISC)<sup>2</sup> is the logical first contact for anyone serious about protecting information assets at an unsurpassed level of excellence.*

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