

## The Hands-On Position for Action-Oriented Professionals

There are several reasons why an organization should employ a Systems Security Certified Practitioner (SSCP®) when recruiting information security personnel.

- Credentialed personnel have already gained experience in the industry and have met the educational standard. What this means to you is that when you see an (ISC)<sup>2</sup> SSCP credential on a resume, you know the candidate is qualified for the position.
- If you are looking for a hands-on technician who implements plans and enforces information security policies then you can be sure you are hiring at the right level if you ask for an SSCP certification. The jobs assigned will be carried out with efficacy and professionalism. You'll have a hands-on "go-to" employee who keeps your business running smoothly. Be specific and you'll receive resumes from the candidates best qualified to suit the role.
- Professionals with (ISC)<sup>2</sup> credentials are required to acquire CPE credits every year to maintain their certification. To help fulfill this need, (ISC)<sup>2</sup> events are presented throughout the year on a number of timely topics. That ensures that the candidate you hire will continue their education as new challenges manifest themselves, solutions are found and new technologies are developed.
- Many organizations, such as the U.S. Department of Defense, are now requiring certifications for their information security personnel. If you are a service provider or subcontractor you will also need to have staff with these credentials. Having staff with superior credentials presents your organization in a very positive position.
- Hiring managers are frequently bombarded with resumes from around the world. If your candidates hold internationally recognized qualifications such as the SSCP, as opposed to regionally recognized qualifications, you will be able to more equitably judge the credentials of each candidate.

To become a SSCP®, applicants must meet certain guidelines before they can take the examination. They must subscribe to the (ISC)<sup>2</sup> Code of Ethics as well as have a minimum of one year experience in one or more of the seven (ISC)<sup>2</sup> SSCP CBK® domains. These domains include:

- Access Controls
- Analysis and Monitoring
- Cryptography
- Malicious Code



- Networks and Telecommunications
- Risk, Response and Recovery
- Security Operations and Administration

The SSCP® exam is especially designed for network and systems administrators who implement policies, standards, and procedures on the various hardware and software programs for which they are responsible. In order to maintain their certification, holders of the SSCP are required to earn 60 CPE credits every three years.

Furthermore, if you have employees who are working information security and are not credentialed, further education in the field should be acquired immediately for your organization's protection.

(ISC)<sup>2</sup>® credential holders are part of an experienced group of professionals who openly share their experience, ideas, tools and knowledge so all can benefit. Today, most companies and organizations are requiring certification as they now realize the critical need to minimize their exposure while conducting business in an ever-changing electronic society. A credentialed practitioner will have a competitive advantage in the labor market, professional recognition and the respect of colleagues. In other words, the kind of employee you want working for you – not someone else.

For more information on the SSCP certification, visit [www.isc2.org/sscp](http://www.isc2.org/sscp).

*(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.*