



Cybersecurity Certification

NSE Certification Program Prepares Professionals for Critical Cybersecurity Careers



The Fortinet Network Security Expert (NSE) Certification

The Fortinet Network Security Expert (NSE) Certification program has been carefully crafted and researched over several years to address the rapidly evolving threat landscape as well as job-market needs. Our primary objective is to satisfy both current and future requirements, ensuring that the NSE Certification program remains at the forefront of network security expertise.

The certification program includes a wide range of self-paced (free) and instructor-led courses, as well as practical, hands-on exercises that demonstrate mastery of complex cybersecurity concepts. Each certification program assesses specific levels of cybersecurity expertise, from foundation to architect.



90%

of organizations
prefer to hire candidates with
certifications.

*Fortinet 2023 Global Skills Gap Report

95%

of decision-makers believe technology-focused certifications positively impact both their role and their team.

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1,500,000+

certifications issued to professionals worldwide.

*Last updated 1/2024

NSE Certification Levels

Below is a list of all the NSE certifications along with requirements to achieve your certification. Click on the Learn more links to access the self-paced courses and see detailed information on requirements, prerequisites, recertification, duration of courses and labs, class schedules, and more.











Fortinet Certified Expert



The Fortinet Certified Expert (FCX) in Cybersecurity certification validates your comprehensive and expert knowledge of network security design, configuration, and troubleshooting for complex networks. To attempt both the written and practical exams, candidates must have related industry experience. It is recommended that candidates complete the appropriate Professional and Solution Specialist certification training and have extensive experience with Fortinet products in a production environment.

You must pass both the written exam and practical exam.

We recommend this course for networking and security experts who use Fortinet solutions. In addition to formal training, you should have experience with a variety of complex networks, and be able to solve complicated security problems.

Fortinet Certified Solution Specialist



The FCSS in OT Security certification validates your ability to design, administer, monitor, and troubleshoot Fortinet OT security solutions. This curriculum covers OT security infrastructures using advanced Fortinet solutions.

You must pass the core exam.

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise needed to design, manage, support, and analyze advanced Fortinet OT security solutions.



The FCSS in Security Operations certification validates your ability to design, administer, monitor, & troubleshoot Fortinet security operations solutions. This curriculum covers security operations infrastructures using advanced Fortinet solutions.

You must pass the core exam.

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise needed to design, manage, support, and analyze advanced Fortinet security operations solutions.



The FCSS in Network Security certification validates your ability to design, administer, monitor, and troubleshoot Fortinet network security solutions. This curriculum covers network security infrastructures using advanced Fortinet solutions.

You must pass the core exam and one elective exam.

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise needed to design, manage, support, and analyze advanced Fortinet network security solutions.



The FCSS in Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) certification validates your ability to design, administer, monitor, and troubleshoot Fortinet SASE solutions. This curriculum covers SASE infrastructures using advanced Fortinet solutions.

You must pass the two core exams.

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise needed to design, manage, support, and analyze advanced Fortinet SASE security solutions.



The FCSS in Public Cloud Security certification validates your ability to design, administer, monitor, and troubleshoot Fortinet public cloud solutions. This curriculum covers public cloud infrastructures using advanced Fortinet solutions.

You must pass the core exam.

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise needed to design, manage, support, & analyze advanced Fortinet public cloud security solutions.



The FCSS in Zero Trust Access (ZTA) certification validates your ability to design, administer, monitor, and troubleshoot Fortinet ZTA solutions. This curriculum covers ZTA infrastructures using advanced Fortinet solutions.

You must pass the core exam.

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise needed to design, manage, support, and analyze advanced Fortinet ZTA solutions.

Fortinet Certified Professional



The FCP in Security Operations certification validates your ability to secure networks and applications by deploying, managing, and monitoring Fortinet security operations products. This curriculum will cover the day-to-day tasks related to Fortinet security operations devices.

You must pass two elective exams.

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise to deploy, manage, and analyze Fortinet security operations devices.



The FCP in Network Security certification validates your ability to secure networks and applications by deploying, managing, and monitoring Fortinet network security products. This curriculum will cover the day-to-day tasks related to Fortinet network security devices.

You must pass the core exam and one elective exam

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise needed to deploy, manage, and analyze Fortinet network security devices.



The FCP in Public Cloud Security certification validates your ability to secure cloud applications by deploying, managing, and monitoring Fortinet public cloud products. This curriculum will cover the day-to-day tasks related to Fortinet public cloud devices and VMs

You must pass one core exam and one elective exam.

We recommend this certification for those who require the expertise needed to deploy, manage, and analyze Fortinet public cloud security devices and VMs.

Fortinet Certified Associate



The Fortinet Certified Associate (FCA) in Cybersecurity certification validates your ability to execute high-level operations on a FortiGate device. This curriculum covers the fundamentals of operating the most common FortiGate features.

You must complete the FortiGate Operator course and pass the exam.

We recommend this certification for those who need to execute high-level configuration and monitoring tasks on FortiGate devices and for network security administrators of small and medium-sized companies.

Fortinet Certified Fundamentals



The Fortinet Certified Fundamentals (FCF) in Cybersecurity certification validates that you have mastered the technical skills and knowledge that are required for any entry-level job role in cybersecurity. This curriculum will offer courses that cover today's threat landscape and the fundamentals of cybersecurity.

You must complete one core and one elective course.

We recommend this certification to entry-level cybersecurity professionals and everyone who would like to pursue a career in cybersecurity.