

Break Into Cyber. No Degree Required.

The exact path I walked from custodian to six-figure cybersecurity engineer. Print it. Pin it. Work it.

01 MINDSET

Weeks 1–2

Decide out loud. Tell three people you're becoming a cybersecurity professional. Public commitment is unfair advantage. Cost: \$0.

02 THE TRIFECTA

Months 1–6

CompTIA A+ → Network+ → Security+. These three prove you can learn and speak the language. Study 1 hr/day. Free labs: Professor Messer, TryHackMe. Budget: ~\$1,050 in exam fees.

03 GET IN THE DOOR

Months 4–8

Apply for Help Desk / IT Support / SOC Analyst Tier 1 while you finish Security+. You do NOT need the certs finished to apply. LinkedIn 'Open to Work' + 5 applications/day.

04 STACK EXPERIENCE

Years 1–2

Ship one real project publicly: home lab, blog write-up, GitHub repo, YouTube walkthrough. Move internally or laterally every 12–18 months. That's how the salary compounds.

05 SPECIALIZE & CASH IN

Years 2–4

Pick a lane: DLP, cloud security, IR, GRC, offensive. Add ONE hard cert (CISSP, OSCP, CCSP). Negotiate on outcomes, not tenure. Six figures is a floor, not a ceiling.

The full playbook is coming.

THE CYBER CHEAT CODE — the full playbook. In your inbox first the day it drops.

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