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## Cybersecurity Pathway

The Innovation Center is thrilled to introduce our new Cybersecurity Pathway, a golden opportunity to embark on a transformative journey in the world of cybersecurity! IC is working with Grow with Google and EnterpriseKC, a non-profit organization that is focused on cybersecurity, to bring additional resources to the region and access to career opportunities at **no cost** to individuals in Northwest Kansas. The demand for cybersecurity professionals is expected to increase by 35% before 2030 and it is our goal to fill as many of these positions as possible.

EnterpriseKC is launching a Talent Platform that includes an assessment tool to help uncover cybersecurity aptitude, and The Talent Exchange, which is an ecosystem for talent to connect with industry and explore relevant workforce opportunities. They are also launching Heartland Cyber Range that will allow individuals to gain real world experience, learning, practicing, and defending against current threats in a simulative environment.

The steps to the program are as follows:

- [Google Cybersecurity Professional Certification](#) - Pursue your certification through a scholarship provided by the Innovation Center. Your scholarship is valid for one year and includes several other Google certifications.
- **CompTIA Security+ Certification Exam (optional)** - Strengthen your skills and knowledge with industry-recognized certification.
- [EnterpriseKC's Talent Platform:](#)
  - The Assessment Tool - A psychometrically valid, industry guided software application measuring aptitude and interest
  - The Talent Exchange - An ecosystem for talent to connect with industry and explore relevant workforce opportunities
- [EnterpriseKC's Heartland Cyber Range Learning Management System](#) - Dive into hands-on learning experiences and enhance your expertise in fighting real world threats.
- **Job Search Assistance** - When the time comes, you will have valuable support as you step into the professional world of cybersecurity.

- **Ongoing Support after employment** - Offered through the Innovation Center and EnterpriseKC.

This self-paced program is expected to take 10 - 12 months to complete and participants will receive personalized guidance every step of the way.

Once the program is completed, participants will qualify for positions such as Cybersecurity Analyst, Security Analyst, Security Operations Center (SOC) Analyst, Information Security Analyst, IT Security Analyst, and Cyber Defense Analyst. Google reports the median salary of \$100,000 for these positions.

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