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Metro State Cyber Clinic
Computer Science and Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity Clinic Questions and Answers

Q1: Who can participate in the Cyber Clinic experience, and what do you need to participate?

A: The clinic experience is primarily designed for Cyber juniors and seniors who have completed CYBR 332 or its equivalent and have declared a major in the field.

Q2: If students get accepted into the Cybersecurity Clinic, will they still have to take CYBR-498 and CYBR-499 Capstone?

A: Yes, all students must complete the capstone sequence. The clinic experience is not a replacement for CYBR-499. However, students can use their clinic experience to earn credits toward CYBR-350i

Q3: Can the clinic activities be counted toward the CYBR-350i internship?

A: Yes, the clinic activities can be counted toward the CYBR-350i internship. However, students will need to register and pay for the internship credits as required by the course.

Q4: Do students get paid for participating in the Cyber Clinic?

A: Yes, stipends are available for students who successfully complete the clinic activities, which can help support their learning and participation.

Q5: Are students provided with certification resources in the clinic?

A: Yes, students will be provided with access to CompTIA Security+ certification course materials and exam vouchers, courtesy of Metro State University.

Q6: Can students use the Cyber Clinic experience to fulfill major requirements?

A: Yes, undergraduate students can use the clinic experience to satisfy their CYBR-350i major elective requirement by enrolling a 350i course, students need to register and pay for the internship credits as required by the course.

Q7: What type of activities can students expect in the Cyber Clinic?

A: Students teams will assess the cybersecurity readiness and security posture of organizations using Center for Internet Security (CIS) Implementation Group 1 (IG1) controls to strengthen their overall

security hygiene. Cyber Clinic clients include K-12 schools, underserved municipalities, non-profits, and small businesses, helping them enhance their cybersecurity posture.

Q8: What is the time commitment for the Cyber Clinic?

A: The clinic will require a commitment of several hours each week for both hands-on activities and team collaboration. Specific time requirements will be shared during the application process, but students should be prepared to dedicate consistent time to their clinic work.

Q9: Can undergraduate students apply for the Cyber Clinic?

A: Yes

Q10: Can graduate students apply for the Cyber Clinic?

A: Yes, However, no course credits apply to a particular course.

Q11: Are CIT (Computer Information Technology) students eligible to participate in the Cyber Clinic program?

A: Yes, they are eligible as long as they have taken the CYBR 332/362 courses or doing a minor in cyber.

Q12: How do students apply for the Cyber Clinic?

A: Please contact Cyber.Clinic@metrostate.edu

Q13: Are there any prerequisites to join the Cyber Clinic?

A: Yes, students are expected to have completed CYBR 332 before joining the clinic. These prerequisites ensure that students are prepared to engage in advanced cybersecurity challenges.

Q14: Is there a cap on the number of students who can participate in the clinic?

A: Yes, the Cyber Clinic has a limited number of spots available each semester. Acceptance into the program is competitive, so it's important to submit a strong application that highlights your relevant skills and experience.

Q15: What are the participation expectations for students in the Cyber Clinic?

A: Students are expected to meet several requirements to participate in the Cyber Clinic. These include:

- Attending trainings every Thursday from 1-3 PM throughout the semester, alternating between on-campus and Zoom sessions. Meetings later in the semester will be as-needed, but students must remain available.
- Maintaining availability during at least two of the four weekly client risk assessment slots: Wednesdays 9 AM-noon and/or noon-4 PM; Fridays 9 AM-noon and/or noon-4 PM. Clients may include small businesses, municipal organizations, or schools.

Q16: Are the trainings mandatory?

A: Yes.

Q17: Are there any citizenship or residency requirements to apply for the Cyber Clinic?

A: Yes, applicants must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents of the United States to be eligible for the Cyber Clinic.

Q18: Is there an age requirement for applying to the Cyber Clinic?

A: Yes, applicants must be at least 18 years old at the time of their application.

Q19: Do I need to be a full-time student to participate in the Cyber Clinic?

A: Yes, students must be enrolled full-time in a CSC-related major such as Cybersecurity, Computer Science, Computer Information Technology, or Computer Forensics. This means 12 or more credits for undergraduate students and 8 or more credits for graduate students.

Q20: What personal qualities are expected from students participating in the Cyber Clinic?

A: Students are expected to be dependable, have strong attention to detail, communicate clearly, and be able to work effectively as part of a team.