Guide to Continuing your Education with SANS.edu

Annual Single Course Discount

The SANS Technology Institute (SANS.edu) offers alumni the option to take one course per year at the current tuition rate for the highest program completed as a SANS.edu student. Alumni are eligible for this discount one year after completing their program.

Example: if an alum earned both a certificate and master’s degree as a student, the alum would receive the current tuition rate for the master’s program. Tuition includes the SANS Training and GIAC exam. No academic credit will be awarded for the course. Follow this step-by-step guide to use your alumni discount.

STEP 1: Choose your course from this list.

Tuition includes the cost of the course and GIAC certification exam.

- ISE 5101: Security Essentials | SEC401 + GSEC
- ISE 5201: Hacker Techniques & Incident Response | SEC504 + GCIH
- ISE 5401: Advanced Instruction Detection & Analysis | SEC503 + GCIA
- ISE 5601: IT Security Planning, Policy, & Leadership | MGT514 + GSTRT
- ISE 6255: Defensible Security Architecture and Engineering | SEC530 + GDSA
- ISE 5800: IT Security Project Management | MGT525 + GCIP
- ISE 6001: Implementing & Auditing the Critical Security Controls | SEC566 + GCCC
- ISE 6215: Advanced Security Essentials | SEC501 + GCED
- ISE 6230: Securing Windows & PowerShell Automation | SEC505 + GCWN
- ISE 6240: Continuous Monitoring & Security Operations | SEC511 + GMON
- ISE 6245: SIEM with Tactical Analytics | SEC555 + GCDA
- ISE 6250: Purple Team Tactics & Kill Chain Defenses | SEC599 + GDAT
- ISE 6310: Enterprise and Cloud | Threat Vulnerability | SEC460 + GEVA
- ISE 6315: Web App Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking | SEC542 + GWAPT
- ISE 6320: Network Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking | SEC560 + GPEN
- ISE 6325: Mobile Device Security & Ethical Hacking | SEC575 + GMOB
- ISE 6330: Wireless Penetration Testing & Ethical Hacking | SEC617 + GAWN
- ISE 6350: Python for Penetration Testers | SEC573 + GPYC
- ISE 6360: Advanced Penetration Testing, Exploit Writing, & Ethical Hacking | SEC660 + GXPN
- ISE 6420: Computer Forensic Investigations – Windows | FOR500 + GCFE
- ISE 6425: Advanced Digital Forensics, Incident Response, & Threat Hunting | FOR508 + GCFA
- ISE 6440: Advanced Network Forensic Analysis | FOR572 + GNFA
- ISE 6445: Cyber Threat Intelligence | FOR578 + GCTI
- ISE 6450: Advanced Smartphone Forensics | FOR585 + GASF
- ISE 6460: Reverse-Engineering Malware | FOR610 + GREM
- ISE 6515: ICS/SCADA Security Essentials | ICS410 + GICSP
- ISE 6520: ICS Active Defense and Incident Response | ICS515 + GRID
- ISE 6525: Essentials for NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection | ICS456 + GCIP
- ISE 6615: Defending Web Applications Security Essentials | SEC522 + GWEB
- ISE 6630: Cloud Penetration Testing | SEC588 + GCPN
- ISE 6650: Cloud Security and DevOps Automation | SEC540 + GCSA
- ISE 6715: Auditing & Monitoring Networks, Perimeters, & Systems | AUD507 + GSNA
- ISE 6720: Legal Issues in Data Security and Investigations | LEG523 + GLEG
STEP 2  Email alumni@sans.edu for registration instructions.
Include the course number, your desired modality (OnDemand or Live Online), and intended start date.

STEP 3  Register using the provided instructions.
The course tuition includes the cost of the SANS course and GIAC certification exam. Use the discount code in the instructions before submitting your order. Once received, your registration will be processed based on your intended start date.

STEP 3  Earn your GIAC certification.
As a non-credit course**, you will have the standard 4 months to attempt your GIAC Certification exam.

Other Alumni Benefits
Alumni interested in enrolling in additional programs at the SANS Technology Institute will benefit from:

Waived Application Fees
Alumni who wish to apply to a subsequent program should email info@sans.edu with a request to waive the application fee.

Examples Include
A student completes an undergraduate program or graduate certificate and seeks to enroll in the Master’s program. An application is required for the Master's program, but the fee is waived.

A student completes an undergraduate program and seeks to enroll in a graduate certificate. An application is required for a graduate certificate program, but the fee is waived.

Streamlined Enrollment Process
To pursue another certificate program, alumni have 60 days after completion to contact their student advisor and elect a new program. No application required.

Examples Include
A student completes a graduate certificate and seeks to enroll in another graduate certificate program within 60 days of completion. No application for admission is required.

A master’s student completes his/her degree and seeks to enroll in a graduate certificate program within 60 days of completion. No application for admission is required.

“I have my master's in computer science, but I completed two graduate certificate programs with SANS so I could truly dive deep into technical areas of cybersecurity and learn from instructors who are leading the industry.”
Jeff Sass
Senior Engineering Manager, Adobe

*Alumni are those who have earned a degree or certificate from the SANS Technology Institute (SANS.edu).
**No credit is awarded upon completion. Continuing education courses are not eligible for VA benefits. If academic credit is desired, consider taking a single course with SANS.edu (students can take up to 2 courses) or enrolling in subsequent academic program. For more information, contact Admissions at info@sans.edu.