Network Defense Essentials (NDE) Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Defense and Security	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Participants will also gain insights into emerging trends in network defense, including zero-trust architectures, advanced firewalls, threat intelligence, and incident response frameworks. The training fosters a comprehensive understanding of policies, compliance standards, and industry benchmarks while highlighting practical approaches to risk assessment, vulnerability management, and system hardening. By completing the course, learners will be prepared to implement robust network defense strategies, reduce security incidents, and strengthen organizational resilience against evolving cyber threats.

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Course Objectives

1. Understand fundamental principles of network defense and cybersecurity architecture.
2. Identify common network threats, vulnerabilities, and attack vectors.
3. Apply intrusion detection and prevention strategies for enterprise networks.
4. Implement firewalls, VPNs, and secure network configurations.
5. Use monitoring tools and threat intelligence to detect malicious activity.
6. Develop incident response and disaster recovery procedures.
7. Apply best practices for endpoint protection and network segmentation.
8. Conduct network vulnerability assessments and penetration testing.
9. Understand compliance requirements and regulatory standards in network security.
10. Strengthen organizational policies and procedures for network defense.
11. Integrate security awareness programs for employees and IT staff.
12. Analyze emerging threats such as advanced persistent threats and ransomware.
13. Develop strategies for continuous improvement in network defense operations.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced protection against cyber threats and data breaches
- Improved network monitoring and threat detection capabilities
- Strengthened incident response and recovery readiness
- Reduced operational downtime due to network attacks
- Increased compliance with cybersecurity regulations and standards
- Enhanced staff cybersecurity awareness and accountability
- Improved risk assessment and vulnerability management processes
- Optimized network architecture for security and efficiency
- Increased confidence among stakeholders and clients
- Competitive advantage through robust network defense practices

Target Audiences

- IT network administrators and engineers
- Cybersecurity analysts and specialists
- IT managers and system architects
- Security operations center (SOC) personnel
- Risk and compliance officers
- Incident response and digital forensics teams
- Technology consultants and auditors

- Students and researchers in information security

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Course Modules

Module 1: Network Security Fundamentals

- Overview of network defense principles and architecture
- Types of network threats and attack vectors
- Key concepts in confidentiality, integrity, and availability
- Security layers and defense-in-depth strategy
- Role of policies and standards in network security
- Case Study: Preventing unauthorized access in an enterprise network

Module 2: Firewalls and Network Access Control

- Firewall types, configurations, and deployment strategies
- Network segmentation and VLAN security
- Access control lists (ACLs) and policy enforcement
- Implementing VPNs for secure remote access
- Monitoring and logging firewall activity
- Case Study: Configuring a multi-tier firewall for a corporate network

Module 3: Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems

- IDS and IPS architecture and deployment
- Signature-based vs anomaly-based detection
- Alerting, logging, and incident escalation
- Integration with security information and event management (SIEM)
- Tuning and maintaining IDS/IPS effectiveness
- Case Study: Detecting and blocking a simulated malware intrusion

Module 4: Threat Intelligence and Monitoring

- Gathering threat intelligence from multiple sources
- Network monitoring tools and traffic analysis
- Identifying suspicious patterns and behaviors
- Real-time alerting and reporting mechanisms
- Using dashboards and analytics for network defense
- Case Study: Monitoring and mitigating a targeted phishing attack

Module 5: Endpoint Security and Hardening

- Endpoint protection software and configuration
- Patch management and system updates
- Hardening servers, workstations, and network devices
- Anti-malware, anti-virus, and advanced threat protection
- Ensuring compliance with endpoint security policies
- Case Study: Securing remote endpoints during a ransomware outbreak

Module 6: Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing

- Identifying network vulnerabilities and weaknesses
- Conducting ethical penetration tests
- Prioritizing remediation actions and risk mitigation
- Using vulnerability scanners and reporting tools
- Aligning findings with security improvement plans
- Case Study: Penetration test revealing misconfigured network devices

Module 7: Incident Response and Disaster Recovery

- Developing an incident response plan and team roles
- Detection, containment, eradication, and recovery steps
- Communication strategies during incidents
- Post-incident analysis and lessons learned
- Business continuity and disaster recovery planning
- Case Study: Responding to a simulated data breach incident

Module 8: Emerging Threats and Continuous Improvement

- Understanding advanced persistent threats, ransomware, and zero-day attacks
- Security trends and emerging technologies
- Continuous improvement strategies for network defense
- Security audits, compliance checks, and governance frameworks
- Building a proactive security culture across the organization
- Case Study: Implementing a zero-trust security model in an organization

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led lectures and interactive discussions
- Hands-on labs and practical configuration exercises
- Network monitoring and vulnerability assessment exercises
- Case study analysis and group problem-solving sessions
- Simulated cyber-attack and incident response scenarios
- Continuous feedback and knowledge reinforcement

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
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