Cyber Security Certifications Roadmap - 2025

Phase 1: Getting Started

1. CompTIA IT Fundamentals (ITF+) - Understand basic IT concepts.

2. Google Cybersecurity Certificate - Start learning foundational security skills.

3. (ISC)² Certified in Cybersecurity - Great free beginner option.

Phase 2: Core Knowledge

4. CompTIA Security+ - Industry standard for entry-level professionals.

5. Microsoft SC-900 - Learn cloud security fundamentals.

6. Cisco CCST Cybersecurity - Perfect if you're from a networking background.

Phase 3: Specialized Learning

7. AWS Cloud Practitioner - Ideal for cloud-focused roles.

8. Fortinet NSE 1-3 - Free certifications with strong vendor credibility.

Phase 4: Hands-On & Tools

9. IBM Cybersecurity Analyst - Learn SIEM tools, network analysis, and more.

10. CEH (Certified Ethical Hacker) - Dive into ethical hacking techniques.

Bonus Tips

- Aim to complete 1-2 certifications every 3 months.

- Build your own portfolio or home lab as you learn.

- Join LinkedIn or Discord communities for each cert for peer support.