Cybersecurity Program Objectives

Data Security (Competencies)

An ability to demonstrate competency in Data Security

- **Learning Outcomes**
  - DAT-E1 [Essential] Implement data security by selecting appropriate cryptographic procedures, algorithms, and tools based on security policy and level of risk in an organization. [Applying]
  - DAT-E2 [Essential] Discuss forensically sound collection and acquisition of digital evidence. [Understanding]
  - DAT-E3 [Essential] Apply principles, processes, tools and techniques used in mitigating security threats and responding to security incidents. [Applying]
  - DAT-E4 [Essential] Use appropriate levels of authentication, authorization, and access control to ensure data integrity and security for information systems and networks. [Applying]
  - DAT-E5 [Essential] Infer gaps in data security considering current and emerging technologies and the current state and prevailing trends in cybercrime. [Understanding]
  - DAT-S1 [Supplemental] Perform a forensic analysis on a local network, on stored data within a system as well as mobile devices for an enterprise environment. [Applying]
  - DAT-S2 [Supplemental] Outline complex technical concepts to technical and non-technical audiences as they relate to data security. [Analyzing]

Data Security - Cryptography (Learning Outcomes)

An ability to demonstrate competency in Data Security - Cryptography

- **Learning Outcomes**
  - DAT-LO-E01 [Essential] Analyze which cryptographic protocols, tools, and techniques are appropriate for providing confidentiality, data protection, data integrity, authentication, non-repudiation, and obfuscation. [Analyzing]
  - DAT-LO-E02 [Essential] Apply symmetric and asymmetric algorithms as appropriate for a given scenario. [Applying]
  - DAT-LO-E03 [Essential] Investigate hash functions for checking integrity and protecting authentication data. [Applying]
  - DAT-LO-E04 [Essential] Use historical ciphers, such as shift cipher, affine cipher, substitution cipher, Vigenere cipher, ROT-13, Hill cipher, and Enigma machine simulator, to encrypt and decrypt data. [Applying]
  - DAT-LO-S01 [Supplemental] Compare the benefits and drawbacks of applying cryptography in hardware
vs software. [Analyzing] 
DAT-LO-S02 [Supplemental] Demonstrate the importance of mathematical theory in the application of 
cryptography. [Understanding] 
DAT-LO-S03 [Supplemental] Deduce minimum key strength for symmetric algorithms to be effective. 
[Analyzing] 
DAT-LO-S04 [Supplemental] Contrast trust models in PKI, such as hierarchical, distributed, bridge, and 
web of trust. [Analyzing] 
DAT-LO-S05 [Supplemental] Explain how symmetric and asymmetric encryption are used in tandem to 
secure electronic communications and transactions, such as cryptocurrencies and other crypto assets. 
[Understanding] 
DAT-LO-S06 [Supplemental] Apply symmetric and asymmetric cryptography, such as DES, Twofish, 
AES, RSA, ECC, and DSA for a given scenario. [Applying] 

Software Security (Competencies)

An ability to demonstrate competency in Software Security

- **Learning Outcomes**
  - SOF-E1 [Essential] Write secure code with appropriate documentation for a software system and its 
    related data. [Applying]
  - SOF-E2 [Essential] Analyze security and ethical considerations at each phase of the software 
    development lifecycle. [Analyzing]
  - SOF-S1 [Supplemental] Implement isolation to secure a process or application. [Applying]

Software Security - Fundamental Principles (Learning Outcomes)

An ability to demonstrate competency in Software Security - Fundamental Principles

- **Learning Outcomes**
  - SOF-LO-E02 [Essential] Execute access decisions and permissions based on explicit need. [Applying]
  - SOF-LO-E01 [Essential] Apply fundamental design principles, including least privilege, open design, and 
    abstraction, to system and application software. [Applying]
  - SOF-LO-S01 [Supplemental] Test authorization and access control for a given class. [Applying]

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