

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

A BALANCING ACT: JUGGLING WORK AND STUDY



GAINING APPLICABLE CAREER SKILLS ONLINE



ERDAL D., a seasoned academic with a full-time role as dean of academics at SANY, embarked on an unexpected journey into the world of cybersecurity. His path to this new career direction began with a simple suggestion from his wife. Intrigued by the growing importance of cybersecurity, Erdal decided to explore the field further.

The decision to enroll in the **CompTIA Security+** course through **Mohawk Valley Community College** was driven by the course's accessibility. As a busy professional, Erdal valued the flexibility to learn at his own pace. However, balancing work, personal life, and coursework proved to be a challenge. Time management became a hurdle he had to overcome. Fortunately, Erdal found invaluable support from the course instructors and advisors, who guided him through the program.

Their encouragement and expertise were instrumental in helping Erdal navigate the complexities of cybersecurity. The hands-on experience provided by the course labs was particularly beneficial. By applying his knowledge in practical scenarios, Erdal solidified his understanding of security concepts.

As Erdal progressed through the course, his confidence in pursuing a career in cybersecurity grew. The ultimate validation came with successfully passing the **CompTIA Security+** exam. This achievement marked a significant milestone in his professional journey. Beyond enhancing his career prospects, Erdal also gained valuable personal benefits from the course. He developed a keen eye for identifying phishing emails, significantly improving his online safety. The accessibility of the **ed2go** platform and the support of system advisors further contributed to his positive learning experience.

“*ed2go is accessible and supported by the system advisors.*”

CHALLENGE

The time management and self-guided format while balancing a demanding job with coursework proved to be challenging.

SOLUTION

Online, self-guided **ed2go** course:

- **CompTIA Security+ Certification Training (Voucher Included)**

RESULTS

Erdal successfully passed the **CompTIA Security+** exam, improving his confidence, knowledge in his current role, and future job prospects. He is now exploring advanced cybersecurity certifications.



33% GROWTH BY 2033

is projected for Information Security Analysts.

There are more than 4 million unfilled jobs. Continued growth for Cybersecurity Professionals is expected.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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