



## Comparing Tech Quest and Tech Boost Cybersecurity Virtual Training Courses (Both are DOL Grant Funded and FREE to Eligible Participants)

Courses are designed by Cybersecurity Workforce Alliance (CWA) cybersecurity and risk professionals, which includes live mentoring/digital coaching from industry professionals.

Participants receive a FREE lifelong iQ4 Digital Wallet, which allows you to create a visual repository of your skills and match them to the required skills in over 50 cybersecurity job roles in the NICE Cybersecurity Workforce Framework. You can explore career pathways and see where to find learning to close skill gaps. It also provides a list of live jobs from employers you can align to and apply for in real-time.

Tech Quest	TechBoost
6-week Cybersecurity Practitioner Foundation Course	12-week Cybersecurity Applied Learning Cybersecurity Skills Development Course
- Pre-Apprenticeship, which can lead to a registered apprenticeship with employers participating in the program, or further training in TechBoost	- Designed to develop <b>experience</b> in cybersecurity before interview process - Develops the workplace context and soft skills not achievable in certificate or technical courses ( <a href="#">LinkedIn report 2020: soft skills are 92% of a hiring decision</a> ).
- Industry designed foundation, as a first step in learning about cybersecurity jobs and pathways into the profession - Mentor consultation and guidance on next potential steps	- Industry designed virtual team and role-based projects to develop work-based experience - Focus on NIST Framework which is used by all industry sectors in protecting digital assets and building resilience
Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Cybersecurity Concepts and Terminology</li> <li>Cybersecurity Legal and Ethical Considerations</li> <li>Threats &amp; Responses to Cybersecurity</li> <li>Working with Others in Cybersecurity</li> <li>Leveraging the iQ4 Wallet for Career Management</li> <li>Industry Recognized Credential – 125 Related Workforce Experience (RWE) hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to the program, elect cybersecurity job roles, case studies, and meet the mentors</li> <li>Develop NIST-based skills in the framework steps: Identifying Assets, Protection, Detection, Respond and Recover – including real-world scenarios</li> <li>Team-based projects with capstone</li> <li>Leveraging the iQ4 Wallet for Career Management</li> <li>Industry Recognized Credential, 350-hours of Related Workforce Experience (RWE)</li> </ul>
Optional / Potential Next Steps – Leading To...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A registered apprenticeship</li> <li>A TechBoost course</li> <li>Additional iQ4 courses, Technical Training (e.g., CompTIA, Threat Hunting, CBT Nuggets courses)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A registered apprenticeship</li> <li>Projects from real-world scenarios: The Threat Within, Cloud Risk and Controls, Cyber-Crimes or IT-Audit</li> <li>Additional iQ4 courses, Technical Training (e.g., CompTIA, Threat Hunting)</li> </ul>
Better Prepared for Interview and Job Readiness	

**Apply via the Cybersecurity Workforce Alliance (CWA) Website link below:**

<https://cybersecurityworkforcealliance.com/>

Tech Quest and TechBoost are both federally funded grants through the Department of Labor and are equal opportunity programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.