

## Associate of (ISC) <sup>2</sup>

**Aligned Program of Study:** Cybersecurity

**Aligned Course:** Cybersecurity Practicum (6177)

### Description

The [Associate of \(ISC\) <sup>2</sup>](#) is an alternative to normal certification processes. It is not an entry-level cybersecurity certification in the traditional sense. Students do not need years of work experience in order to take this exam. It allows them to show industry their knowledge in cybersecurity right away. Students can take a certification exam without work experience, and if they pass, students work to obtain the experience needed for advanced certification.

To earn the Associate of (ISC) <sup>2</sup>, students need to:

- pass the (ISC) <sup>2</sup> certification exam, proving your cybersecurity knowledge;
- pay the dues to become a member of (ISC) <sup>2</sup>;
- meet continuing professional education (CPE) requirements; and
- obtain the work experience needed to become a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) or one of the other advanced cybersecurity certifications.

To earn the associate, identify what path to pursue based on career interests. Students will only need to pass one of these certification to earn the Associate of (ISC) <sup>2</sup>:

- CISSP - Leadership & Operations **\*Most Popular**
- SSCP - IT Administration
- CCSP - Cloud Security
- CAP - Authorization
- CSSLP - Software Security
- HCISPP - Healthcare Security & Privacy
- CCFP - Cyber Forensics

Once you pass your chosen exam, you will need to pay \$35.00 to join (ISC) <sup>2</sup>. You must do this within nine months of taking the exam or you will have to retake it. This allows the student to:

- Enhance your credibility and attract better career opportunities;
- Differentiate yourself from your peers with top employers;
- Earn an elite digital badge to share online. It instantly validates your accomplishment with employers by showing that you understand and use security best practices.
- Gain access to amazing career resources, professional development and networking.
- Have potential for a salary increase. On average, (ISC) <sup>2</sup> members report having 35 percent higher salaries than non-members. It depends on your country and employer. (Source: "2015 Global Information Security Workforce Study")
- Get discounts on conferences, textbooks and more.

There are a variety of training materials and resources found on the Associate of (ISC) <sup>2</sup> information page ([here](#)).

### Testing Sites

If the school is not an approved Pearson VUE testing site, then testing centers can be found online at <http://www.pearsonvue.com/isc2/>. However, schools may become testing centers at no additional cost if they meet the minimum technical requirements. More information can be found at this link: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/For-test-centers.aspx>.

### Test Owner and Registration

(ISC) <sup>2</sup> North America  
1650 King Street, Suite 200  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Certification and Training:  
Phone: (866) 462-4777 or (703) 891-6781  
Fax: (703) 356-7977

### Registration Procedures for Students

- 1) Visit the [Pearson VUE website](#).
- 2) Create a Pearson VUE account and review the [Pearson VUE NDA](#).
- 3) Select the most convenient test center location.
- 4) Select an appointment time.
- 5) Pay for the exam.
- 6) Look for email confirmation from Pearson VUE with appointment details, test center location and any other instructions, if any.

Pearson VUE (ISC) <sup>2</sup> [contact information](#)

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.isc2.org/Certifications">https://www.isc2.org/Certifications</a>
<b>Number of Questions</b>	250 questions
<b>Length of Test</b>	6 hours max
<b>Passing Score</b>	700 out of 1000 points
<b>Price</b>	\$249.00-\$699.00 depending on focus selected