Cybersecurity Certificate Bundle/RX5 Application

Please complete the entire application to be considered for acceptance into the Cybersecurity Certificate Bundle/RX5 Program. Fields designated with ***** are required. This application includes six components:

1. **Contact Information**
2. **Education, Training & Self-Learning**
3. **Work & General Experience**
   (Resume must be submitted within 5 days if not available when completing this form.)
4. **Self-Assessment & Problem Solving Narrative**
5. **Unofficial Transcripts**
   (High School or College unofficial transcript must be submitted within 5 days if not available when completing this form.)
6. **Acknowledgment of Security Requirements**

If you have questions, please call 443-692-6600 or e-mail rx5@umbctraining.com.

Application Form Submission

E-mail completed form to rx5@umbctraining.com, fax to (443) 692-6602 or mail to:

UMBC Training Centers
Cybersecurity Certificate Bundle/RX5
6996 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

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CONTACT INFORMATION			
First Name*		**Last Name***	
Address*		**City, State***	
Zip*		**Phone***	
E-mail*		**Preferred Method of Contact***	☐ Phone ☐ E-mail

UMBC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, gender, age, marital status, parental status, physical disability, learning disability, political affiliation, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

You must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible for the Cybersecurity Academy: Cybersecurity Certificate Bundle/RX5.

EDUCATION, TRAINING & SELF-LEARNING

1. What it your highest level of education?*	☐ High School ☐ Trade School ☐ College/University ☐ Graduate School ☐ Other _____

2. **IF YOU ANSWERED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY IN QUESTION 1, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS QUESTION.**
If you have attended college or received a college degree(s), please indicate your major(s) and minor(s). If you are still attending school, please indicate your field of study and how far through the program you are.

3. Please list any IT, Cybersecurity or other technical training you have attended, the vendor and dates of attendance. If you do not have previous training, please enter "none".*

4. How would you describe your level of knowledge in the fields of Information Technology (IT) and/or Cybersecurity? Please select one.*

☐ Beginner ☐ Novice ☐ Experienced ☐ Certified ☐ Degree ☐ Other _____

5. Please specify any IT, Cybersecurity or other technical certifications you currently hold or have previously held. If you do not have any certifications, please enter "none".*

6. Describe your general self-study habits. (i.e. what do you do for self/career improvement outside of formal training or education?)*

7. How do you keep current on what is going on in your current profession or field of interest?*

8. Please list any blogs, social media sites, websites or podcasts you view that are technical in nature. If you do not view any of the above, please enter "none".*

9. Please list any IT or Cybersecurity topics that you have independently learned and how you learned about them. If you do not have any independent learning, please enter "none".*

10. Describe any professional or personal reading you do as it relates to IT or Cybersecurity. If this does not apply, please enter "none".*

WORK & GENERAL EXPERIENCE

1. Please highlight your experience in technical positions. If you do not have experience, please enter "none".*

2. Please identify any computer programming, coding or scripting experience you have. This should include specific programming language(s) used and a brief description of what you have coded.*

3. What computer operating systems have you used at either work or home? Briefly describe the types of activities you have performed using these systems (i.e. document editing, spreadsheets, email, web applications, databases, etc). If this does not apply, please enter "none".*

4. Briefly describe the setup of your home or work network and internet connection (i.e. general terms & types of equipment, no specific identifying information). If this does not apply, please enter "none".*

5. Please submit your resume with this form. If you do not have your resume available at this time, please e-mail it to rx5@umbctraining.com   within five (5) days.*

SELF-ASSESSMENT & PROBLEM SOLVING NARRATIVE

1. Why are you interested in Cybersecurity?*

2. Is this a recent interest or a long-term interest? If a recent interest, please explain what triggered the interest.*

3. If accepted, what are you hoping or planning to do with the training and knowledge gained through participation in this program?*

4. Describe why you believe you would be a good candidate for selection into the program.*

5. Describe how you've applied problem solving techniques to address a situation. Specifically identify the thought processes you applied that led to the solution.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

UMBC Training Centers requires a background check as a precondition to taking the Cybersecurity Certificate Bundle/RX5 Program [this course]. Additionally, you should be aware that, because of the sensitivity of many of the jobs in the cyber security field, many government and private employers may require the disclosure of certain additional personal information such as criminal background, history of drug or alcohol use, financial information, and association with individuals in foreign countries, among others. The responses to such requests for information may disqualify you from employment with those potential employers. Before you take [this course] you should first research the potential background check requirements for the sectors in which you intend to seek employment and make your own determination regarding whether you will be able to meet such requirements.

Additionally, if you intend to apply for employment with the federal government or a government contractor, they may require you to apply for a government security clearance as a precondition to employment. Various reasons exist for why someone may be denied a security clearance. Every case is individually assessed, using the National Security Board's 13 Adjudicative Guidelines, to determine whether the granting or continuing of eligibility for a security clearance is clearly consistent with the interests of national security. The adjudicative guidelines include, without limitation:

(1)   allegiance to the United States;
(2)   foreign influence;
(3)   foreign preference;
(4)   sexual behavior;
(5)   personal conduct;
(6)   financial considerations;
(7)   alcohol consumption;
(8)   drug involvement;
(9)   emotional, mental, and personality disorders;
(10)   criminal conduct;
(11)   security violations;
(12)   outside activities; and
(13)   misuse of information technology systems.

You should be aware that, to the extent that you cannot obtain a security clearance, your employment opportunities with the federal government or a government contractor may be severely limited.

I am in receipt of and have read this document.

_____   _____
Signature   Date

_____
Print Name

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Please provide an unofficial copy of your transcripts from either high school or college (whichever is latest, even if you did not complete a college degree) **with this application**. If you do not have one currently available, please e-mail the unofficial transcript to rx5@umbctraining.com within five (5) days.

☐   I certify that all information in the admission process—including the application, any supplements, and any other supporting materials—is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented, and that these documents will become the property of the UMBC Training Centers and will not be returned to me. I understand that I may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation, should the information I have certified be false.

Signature	Date

Print Name

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