



CERTIFIED ALIEN VAULT SECURITY OPERATIONS ANALYST

COURSE

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45 Days Duration

Duration: 45 days × 2 hrs/day = 90 hrs

Goal: Equip professionals with the skills to monitor, detect, analyze, and respond to security incidents using AlienVault USM.

Core Domains

1. Introduction to SOC & AlienVault USM (10%)

- SOC concepts, roles, and responsibilities
- AlienVault USM architecture: USM Appliance, USM Anywhere
- Use cases: threat detection, incident response, compliance

2. Asset Discovery & Inventory (10%)

- Network and host discovery
- Asset inventory management and classification
- Identifying critical assets for monitoring

3. Log Collection & Event Correlation (15%)

- Onboarding log sources (Windows, Linux, network devices, cloud)
- Event collection methods (agents, syslog, APIs)
- Normalization and correlation for offense generation

4. Threat Detection & Analysis (20%)

- Detection methods: IDS, behavioral monitoring, signature-based
- Event triage and prioritization
- Investigating anomalies, incidents, and potential breaches

5. Vulnerability Assessment & Management (10%)

- Built-in vulnerability scanning in USM
- Risk assessment and prioritization
- Integration with threat intelligence feeds

6. Threat Intelligence & OTX Integration (10%)

- AlienVault Open Threat Exchange (OTX)
- Threat intelligence collection, enrichment, and correlation
- Mapping indicators of compromise (IoCs)

7. Incident Response & Workflow (15%)

- Incident investigation, containment, and response
- Offense lifecycle management
- Reporting incidents and documentation

8. Reporting, Dashboards & Compliance (10%)

- Custom dashboards and visualizations
- Automated and scheduled reporting
- Compliance monitoring (PCI, ISO, GDPR)

9. Administration & Tuning (10%)

- User roles, permissions, and authentication
- Log source tuning, alarm thresholds, system health monitoring
- Performance optimization and best practices

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