Shana

Fulton County, GA

**Her Story:**

My name is Shana. I am a single mother to a seven-year-old splendid daughter named Zaina, who has an interest in Aquatic Life, Animal Care and Robotics. I accomplished obtaining a bachelor’s degree in Legal Studies in May of 2021 from Clayton State University. I have had an interest in becoming certified in Cybersecurity for years. In my professional career I have operated three SAP firms for which I gained end user testing experience. I am interested in white hacking as a Certified Information Systems Security Professional in order to learn about vulnerabilities and ways to strengthen them. I also have an interest in learning more about the Certified Information Systems Auditing role amongst compliance program managers. I am currently working as a contractor for T-Mobile. My goal is to become fully employed with an organization that can provide myself and my child with employee benefits such as health insurance, Tuition Reimbursement and PTO. I have not been hired as a full-time employee since I’ve obtained my education in legal studies. Along with that, the market for these roles does not meet the requirements I expected upon graduation. I know that as a Cybersecurity professional the need for these resources is high and the requirements meet my expectations. The reason why I want to participate in the “Women in Training” program is so that I can become certified in Cybersecurity with an education system that has prestige. This program will allow me to become gainfully employed in an area of expertise that will allow me to have longevity in my career. I also would like to have a career that has a stronger impact in my community. Lastly, I want to be an inspiration to other women and little girls like my daughter that they can have a career in technology and other STEM related professions. I should be selected to become one of the graduates of this certification program because I have a strong will and I know I will be successful in completing the program. Therefore, I know the word will get out about how helpful this program has been to women who inspire to be greater. I can also bring awareness to the program by collaborating with the team to gain additional funding by proof that this program has great benefits to each woman who completes the program. In closing, I want to thank you for reviewing my essay and considering me for this program.

**For reference:**

**Company Name:** SPECTRAFORCE- Paralegal

**Work Experience**: Data Entry Processor, Legal Assistant, Office Manager, Paralegal Supervisor

**College Degree:** B.S. Graduate in Legal Studies-Clayton State University, Associate of Applied Science -Atlanta Technical College

**Education**: Computing Essentials

**Annual Income**- $ 27,100

**Observation characteristics from WIT, Emory, Other Providers and Mentors (Outgoing, Quiet/Shy, Leader, Team Contributor, etc.)**

Shana provides great information in chat to add to the Playbook discussion. She is pleasant, knowledgeable, and always shares great information and resources with the class.

**Competencies: (Interpersonal Skills, Cooperation and Collaboration, Time Management & Administration, Leadership, Communication Skills, Strategic Thinker, etc.)**

Great Participation

Great Contributor