

# NSE Certification Program

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The Fortinet Network Security Expert (NSE) Certification program has been carefully crafted and researched over several years to address the rapidly evolving threat landscape as well as job-market needs. Our primary objective is to satisfy both current and future requirements, ensuring that the NSE Certification program remains at the forefront of network security expertise.

The certification program includes a wide range of self-paced (free) and instructor-led courses, as well as practical, hands-on exercises that demonstrate mastery of complex cybersecurity concepts. Each certification program assesses specific levels of cybersecurity expertise, from foundation to architect.

## NSE Certification Program

Expert



Solution Specialist



Professional



Associate



Fundamentals



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# NSE Certification Levels

■ Core ■ Elective

## Fortinet Certified Fundamentals (FCF)

The Fortinet Certified Fundamentals in Cybersecurity certification validates that you have mastered the technical skills and knowledge that are required for any entry-level job role in cybersecurity. This curriculum will offer courses that cover today's threat landscape and the fundamentals of cybersecurity.

To achieve this certification, you must have completed one core course and one elective course.

1 Core +  
1 Elective within 2 years



- Introduction to the Threat Landscape
- Getting Started in Cybersecurity
- Technical Introduction to Cybersecurity

## Fortinet Certified Associate (FCA)

The Fortinet Certified Associate in Cybersecurity certification validates your ability to execute high-level operations on a FortiGate device. This curriculum covers the fundamentals of operating the most common FortiGate features.

To achieve this certification, you must have completed the following course and passed the online exam.

1 Core



- FortiGate Operator

## Fortinet Certified Professional (FCP)

The Fortinet Certified Professional certifications validate your ability to secure networks and applications by deploying, managing, and monitoring Fortinet cybersecurity products. Each certification's curriculum covers the day-to-day tasks related to Fortinet devices.

To achieve one of these three certifications, you are required to pass the corresponding exams:

1 Core +  
1 Elective within 2 years



- FortiGate Administrator
- FortiManager Administrator
- FortiSwitch
- Secure Wireless LAN
- FortiAnalyzer (version 7.0 or older)
- FortiClient EMS Administrator
- FortiNAC
- FortiAuthenticator Administrator
- FortiAnalyzer Administrator (version 7.2 or newer)

1 Core +  
1 Elective within 2 years



- AWS Cloud Security Administrator
- Azure Cloud Security Administrator
- FortiGate Administrator
- FortiMail
- FortiWeb Administrator

2 Electives  
within 2 years



- FortiGate Administrator
- FortiSIEM
- FortiAnalyzer Analyst (version 7.2 or newer)
- FortiEDR
- FortiSOAR Administrator

## Fortinet Certified Solution Specialist (FCSS)

The Fortinet Certified Solution Specialist certifications validate your ability to design, administer, monitor, and troubleshoot Fortinet cybersecurity solutions. Each certification's curriculum covers security infrastructures using advanced Fortinet solutions.

To achieve one of these certifications, you are required to pass the corresponding exams:

1 Core +  
1 Elective within 2 years



- Enterprise Firewall
- SD-WAN
- LAN Edge
- Network Security Support Engineer

2 Cores



- FortiSASE
- SD-WAN

1 Core



- Public Cloud Security

1 Elective



- Advanced Analytics
- Security Operations Analyst

1 Core



- OT Security

1 Core



- Zero Trust Access

## Fortinet Certified Expert (FCX)

The Fortinet Certified Expert in Cybersecurity certification validates your comprehensive and expert knowledge of network security design, configuration, and troubleshooting for complex networks.

To attempt both the written and practical exams, candidates must have related industry experience.

We recommend that you complete the appropriate Professional and Engineer certification level training and have extensive experience with Fortinet products in a production environment.

To achieve this certification, you must have passed the following exams:

2 Cores. Practical no more  
than 2 years after written



- FCX Written
- FCX Practical



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