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Course Introduction / Overview:

This comprehensive training course is designed to address the unique and critical security challenges facing wireless networks in the healthcare and education sectors. These environments are characterized by a high volume of sensitive data, a wide range of connected devices, and a need for flexible access, all of which create a complex and vulnerable landscape. This course will cover the foundational principles of wireless security and then apply them to the specific regulatory and operational requirements of hospitals, clinics, and educational institutions. Participants will learn how to secure patient data, intellectual property, and student information from various cyber threats, including unauthorized access, data breaches, and ransomware attacks. We will explore key topics such as secure Wi-Fi deployment, network segmentation, and the use of access control measures to protect sensitive data. Drawing on the work of prominent academic figures like Dr. Danda B. Rawat, an authority in cybersecurity and wireless networking, this course at BIG BEN Training Center provides a robust, evidence-based approach. The curriculum will also reference significant publications on the subject, such as the "Security in Wireless Communication Networks" handbook. By the end of this course, participants will be equipped to design, implement, and manage secure wireless networks that protect critical assets and ensure compliance with industry regulations like HIPAA and FERPA.

Target Audience / This training course is suitable for:

- IT and network administrators in healthcare and education.
- Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs).
- Compliance and privacy officers.
- System engineers.
- IT consultants.
- Technical staff in schools and universities.
- Network professionals in hospitals and clinics.

Target Sectors and Industries:

- Healthcare providers and hospitals.
- Educational institutions (K-12 and higher education).
- Medical device manufacturers.
- Technology companies serving these sectors.
- Pharmaceuticals.
- Government agencies and equivalents.
- Research organizations.

Target Organizations Departments:

- Information Technology (IT).
- Cybersecurity.
- Compliance and Risk Management.
- Network Operations.
- Data Privacy.
- Student Affairs.
- Patient Information Services.

Course Offerings:

By the end of this course, the participants will have able to:

- Assess and mitigate security risks in wireless networks.
- Implement strong authentication and access control policies.
- Secure wireless infrastructure against common cyber threats.
- Ensure compliance with healthcare and education-specific regulations.
- Segment networks to protect sensitive data.
- Develop a robust incident response plan for wireless security breaches.
- Master the use of encryption to safeguard data in transit.

Course Methodology:

This training course at BIG BEN Training Center uses an applied, case-study-driven methodology that focuses on real-world challenges. The program combines instructor-led sessions with hands-on labs where participants will work with security tools to identify vulnerabilities and implement countermeasures. Case studies will be used to explore past security breaches in the healthcare and education sectors, analyzing what went wrong and how the incidents could have been prevented. Group discussions and teamwork will focus on developing comprehensive security policies and incident response plans tailored to each sector's specific needs. The instructor will provide expert feedback and guidance, ensuring that all participants can apply the learned concepts to their daily work. This approach not only builds technical skills but also fosters a strategic mindset for managing wireless security as a critical component of institutional risk management. The course is designed to empower IT professionals to proactively secure their networks.

Course Agenda (Course Units):

Unit One: Wireless Network Security Fundamentals

- Introduction to wireless threats and vulnerabilities.
- Common attacks on Wi-Fi networks.
- Authentication and access control mechanisms.
- WPA2 and WPA3 security protocols.
- Guest network security.
- Wireless network scanning and assessment.
- Secure wireless device deployment.

Unit Two: Security in Healthcare Environments

- HIPAA and HITECH Act compliance.
- Protecting electronic protected health information (ePHI).
- Securing wireless medical devices (IoMT).
- Ransomware and data breach prevention.
- Network segmentation for patient care and administrative systems.
- Managing access for staff, patients, and visitors.
- Case study: securing a hospital wireless network.

Unit Three: Security in Educational Environments

- FERPA and student data privacy.
- Securing research data and intellectual property.
- Managing a high density of mobile devices.
- Implementing secure bring-your-own-device (BYOD) policies.
- Content filtering and network monitoring.
- Protecting against unauthorized access.
- Case study: securing a university campus wireless network.

Unit Four: Advanced Security Techniques

- Implementing strong access control models.
- Intrusion detection and prevention systems for wireless networks.
- Using firewalls and virtual private networks (VPNs).
- Wireless network forensics.
- Auditing and logging for compliance and security.
- Applying machine learning for anomaly detection.
- Threat modeling for wireless environments.

Unit Five: Policy, Planning, and Response

- Developing a comprehensive wireless security policy.
- Creating an incident response plan.
- User training and awareness programs.
- Regulatory reporting and legal considerations.
- The future of wireless security.
- Final project: designing a security plan.
- The importance of continuous monitoring.

FAQ:

Qualifications required for registering to this course?

There are no requirements.

How long is each daily session, and what is the total number of training hours for the course?

This training course spans five days, with daily sessions ranging between 4 to 5 hours, including breaks and interactive activities, bringing the total duration to 20 - 25 training hours.

Something to think about:

Given the increasing proliferation of connected devices and the rising threat of cyber-attacks, how can wireless network security be integrated from the beginning of network design rather than being an afterthought?

What unique qualities does this course offer compared to other courses?

This course provides a unique and highly specialized focus on security challenges specific to the healthcare and education sectors. Unlike generic wireless security training, this program addresses the critical regulatory and compliance issues that govern these two fields. It goes beyond technical skills by incorporating a strong emphasis on policy, risk management, and legal requirements. Participants will gain not only the ability to implement security tools but also the strategic understanding to build a comprehensive security framework that protects sensitive information. The curriculum is built on real-world examples and case studies. This ensures that the knowledge gained is directly applicable to the unique environments of hospitals, clinics, and educational institutions. This course is designed for professionals who need to do more than just manage a network. They need to protect it from threats that could have severe consequences for patient safety, academic integrity, and organizational reputation.