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concepto - August 15, 2026, 7:11 am

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First of all, you didn't specify your country. Second, wherever you live, you need education and experience. Getting a job as a junior pentester is not like getting a job as a junior software developer. The qualifications for entry-level are not really entry-level. I have a CEH and a CHFI with a few IT certifications. I finally got a part-time job in retail.

concepto - August 15, 2026, 7:53 am

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Train, yes. Get a job? Not in the USA I'd say. Check your local job market to see what employers are looking for. Also, bug bounties can be done by anyone.

5chn4pp - August 15, 2026, 1:26 pm

Yes, it is possible to do it without a degree, but you will always be required to have some experience in the IT field, if you want to work with cybersecurity.

How is your skills with servers, networking, Linux and so on? You need a foundation before going to cybersecurity.

The CCNA for example is a great starting point for networking.

kommer2016 - *August 22, 2026, 11:15 am*

To get good at cybersecurity, start by practicing with black hat hacking tools and checking out YouTube videos from experienced security researchers. You can also find plenty of tutorials, tools, and knowledgeable people on this forum. Stick around and you will learn a lot of good shit! Just keep it legit. Trying to make money through illegal hacking can bring the feds down on you fast.