DANEESHA WARD

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CYBERSECURITY ANALYST | DIGITAL FORENSICS & CYBER INVESTIGATION

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Emerging cybersecurity and digital forensics professional currently pursuing a Master of Science in Digital Forensics and Cyber Investigation at the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC), with a reported 4.0 graduate GPA. Holds a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management and brings more than 15 years of healthcare experience involving confidential information, accurate documentation, compliance practices, incident reporting, and coordination across multidisciplinary teams. Graduate academic laboratory work includes forensic imaging, file-system analysis, hash verification, network traffic investigation, Linux fundamentals, and digital forensic examination. Seeking to apply analytical thinking, investigative discipline, technical learning, and strong communication skills in a Cyber Security Analyst I or security operations environment.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Digital forensics: FTK Imager, Autopsy, NetworkMiner 2.6, forensic imaging concepts, digital evidence preservation, MD5/SHA1 hash verification, NTFS/FAT32 file systems, keyword searching, investigative documentation.

Cybersecurity foundations: cybersecurity principles, information confidentiality, network traffic analysis fundamentals, NIST email security guidance, Linux administration fundamentals, threat identification concepts, incident documentation and escalation.

Professional: compliance documentation, confidential records management, incident reporting, critical thinking, written and verbal communication, teamwork, time management, Microsoft Office.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS (UMGC) — Master of Science, Digital Forensics and Cyber Investigation
In progress | Current graduate GPA: 4.0

Graduate study and academic exercises include digital forensic investigation, evidence acquisition and preservation, file-system analysis, network investigation fundamentals, operating-system concepts, cybersecurity principles, and forensic reporting.

ASHWORTH COLLEGE — Bachelor of Science, Healthcare Management
Graduated June 22, 2025

HANDS-ON ACADEMIC CYBERSECURITY & DIGITAL FORENSICS EXPERIENCE

UMGC — Graduate Laboratory and Coursework Experience

Academic exercises and assignments have provided exposure to the following tools and investigative concepts:

- **FTK Imager:** Practiced forensic imaging and reviewed procedures used to acquire and examine digital evidence.
- **Autopsy:** Used digital forensic examination capabilities, including keyword searching and artifact review.
- **NetworkMiner 2.6:** Explored network traffic analysis and identification of network-related artifacts.
- **MD5 and SHA1:** Worked with cryptographic hash values to understand evidence integrity and verification.
- **NTFS and FAT32:** Studied file-system structures and how digital information is organized.
- **Linux:** Developed foundational knowledge of Linux environments and administrative operations relevant to investigations.
- **NIST email security:** Studied security recommendations and practices for protecting email communications and organizational information.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CRESCENT HOSPICE — North Charleston, South Carolina | Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
April 2026 – Present

- Maintain accurate and confidential patient documentation in accordance with organizational policies and privacy requirements.
- Handle sensitive patient information with discretion and follow applicable HIPAA-related confidentiality practices.
- Recognize, document, and promptly report unusual patient conditions or changes requiring attention.
- Communicate time-sensitive information to nurses, supervisors, and interdisciplinary healthcare professionals.
- Follow established procedures and documentation standards while working independently and as part of a care team.

CARE AT HOME / DIVINE CARE AT HOME — Goose Creek, South Carolina | Office Manager / Staffing Coordinator
June 2025 – April 2026

- Coordinated daily office operations, staffing activities, and administrative responsibilities.
- Maintained confidential employee, client, and operational records.
- Managed documentation and verification processes involving employee screening and compliance requirements.
- Used administrative platforms including ADP, AxisCare, and RingCentral to support operations and communication.
- Supported onboarding, scheduling, staffing coordination, record management, and issue resolution.
- Balanced multiple responsibilities while maintaining accuracy, confidentiality, and deadlines.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE FACILITY — North Charleston, South Carolina | Behavioral Health Technician
May 2024 – May 2025

- Monitored and documented patient activities, observations, and behavioral changes.
- Recognized unusual situations and escalated concerns to appropriate clinical personnel.
- Maintained confidential patient records and followed privacy and safety requirements.
- Completed detailed documentation requiring accuracy, timeliness, and clear communication.

AMEDISYS HOSPICE — Summerville, South Carolina | Certified Nursing Assistant
July 2023 – April 2024

- Maintained confidential patient records and documented care activities accurately.
- Reported changes in patient conditions and escalated concerns appropriately.
- Followed established policies and communicated with nurses and interdisciplinary care teams.

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (MUSC) — Charleston, South Carolina | Monitor Technician
September 2022 – July 2023

- Monitored patient telemetry and recognized abnormal cardiac rhythms requiring prompt communication.
- Reported critical findings to appropriate nursing personnel and maintained monitoring documentation.
- Worked in a fast-paced environment requiring concentration, accuracy, and timely escalation.

UNIVERSAL INSTITUTE — Livingston, New Jersey | Certified Nursing Assistant
November 2019 – April 2022

- Maintained confidential client documentation and followed established care procedures.
- Reported unusual observations and safety concerns to appropriate personnel.
- Protected sensitive personal information and demonstrated consistent communication and accountability.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) — South Carolina
- CPR Certification
- Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) Certification
- More than 15 years of healthcare experience
- Master's-level digital forensics and cyber investigation studies in progress

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To transition into a Cyber Security Analyst I position and contribute to security monitoring, incident documentation, digital evidence analysis, and protection of sensitive information while continuing to develop technical skills through graduate education and hands-on practice.