

ISACA CAREER CATALYST STORIES

Propelling Your Career Journey with ISACA Credentials

ISACA certifications are powerful catalysts in professionals' career journeys, strengthening practitioners' performance in their current roles and opening doors for career advancement and higher pay. Below, ISACA certification-holders share how ISACA credentials have impacted their career journeys. Learn more about ISACA and how it supports members' career journeys at www.isaca.org/membership.



The CISA certification has been crucial in advancing my career. It opened doors to new opportunities and helped me secure a senior position in Canada from UAE, where the certification's rigorous standards are highly valued. This transition broadened my professional horizons and demonstrated my commitment to high standards in IT audit and assurance.

Hassan Toor

Senior Manager, IT Audit, Technology Risk Services



CISM is the pinnacle credential for anyone who is responsible for managing an information security program and providing strategic oversight. First and foremost, pursuing the CISM forced me to put the time and energy into knowing the material inside and out, which made me a better security professional in the process. The icing on the cake is having a designation that increases my credibility to oversee this important discipline within my organization.

Joshua Hamit

Senior Vice President, CIO at Altra Federal Credit Union



Studying for the CGEIT exam really put into perspective how, at the executive and board level, IT is critical to a company's success. The mission/vision of one's company and strategic priorities should be the core focus of the technology division. It answers the question of 'Why are we doing IT work?' in business terms.

Allyson Zoller

ISACA Chicago Chapter Board President



As an independent consultant, I started receiving requests to help companies in the field of data privacy that required more detailed knowledge and skills than I had at the time, so I initially turned them down. I soon realized that I was losing potential income and it was time to do something to upgrade my knowledge to feel comfortable accepting those requests. While researching additional education offerings, I realized that ISACA, through the CDPSE certification, offered exactly what I needed to advance my knowledge and skills. After I got certified, I was able to efficiently complete projects for which I received excellent feedback. Later, this knowledge and skills helped me excel as a CISO in one of the largest banks in my country.

Sanja Kekić, CRISC, CDPSE

Assistant Director, CEDARS International



My CRISC certification has been a game-changer for my career! It has provided me with a flexible, user-friendly framework for facilitating risk conversations with business teams, bridging the gap between technical risk and strategic objectives. CRISC has not only strengthened my professional capabilities but also broadened my career horizons, leading to opportunities such as publishing, speaking at international conferences and contributing to corporate boards. This certification represents more than an academic achievement; it has been a crucial step in my evolution as a leader in risk management.

Mary Carmichael, CRISC, CISA, CPA

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