An **OPSE certified professional** is a security practitioner who can define a thorough security test, manages the parameters for a successful penetration test, outlines security analysis requirements and resources, and understands the function of the OSSTMM as a methodology.

**Purpose**

To have a complete understanding of the OSSTMM with which to create and manage security programs, comprehend security test results, and understand the necessary undertaking to reduce the attack surface.

**Requirements**

Linux Skill: Low

Windows Skill: Low

Networking Knowledge: Low

Security Experience: Low

Business Experience: Low

**Training**

Average Training Time Required: 24 hours

The exam requires mastering the application of the following security management skills:

- Properly determining the scope and engagement zone for a security test.
- Applying the Rules of Engagement for penetration testing and ethical hacking.
- Applying error analysis to security tests and reports.
- Managing the flow of the security defensive process to reduce the attack surface.
- Understanding the function of operational security controls.
- Recognizing security products and services by the security controls they provide.
- Understanding the measurements behind attack surface metrics.
- Understanding the methodology and requirements behind the OSSTMM.

**Exam**

Exam time: 3 hours

Questions: 50 multiple choice, single answer.

Passing: 60% or better for certification. Scores of 90% or better include a seal of excellence.