

An **OPST certified professional** is a penetration tester / ethical hacker who has the skills and knowledge to accurately and efficiently test the security posture of a company, network, or product.

Purpose

To be able to perform security tests required of penetration testers and ethical hackers with the purpose of determining how to reduce the attack surface.

Requirements

Linux Skill: Medium

Windows Skill: Low

Networking Knowledge: Medium

Security Experience: Medium

Business Experience: Low

Recommended: CHA or OPSA certifications

Training

Average Training Time Required: 32 hours

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

- Proper use of a variety of network and security testing tools.
- Applying security testing techniques efficiently and accurately.
- Detect and properly act on network problems and anomalies.
- Investigate the attack surface and determine missing and faulty controls.
- Determine types of systems, devices, services, and protocols.
- Techniques to discover new or unknown security problems.
- Assure thorough and proper testing to complete an OSSTMM Audit Report (STAR).

Exam

Exam time: 3 hours

Questions: 28 multiple choice, single answer, skills-based against a remote test network.

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

