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Certifications

CISM – Certified Information Security Manager
CBCP – Certified Business Continuity Professional
CMMC-RPA – DoD Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification – Registered Practitioner Advanced
TPRM Fundamentals – Third Party Risk Management

Memberships

ISACA – Information Systems Audit and Control Association
DRI – Disaster Recovery Institute International
InfraGard – FBI/Industry Security Partnership

Experience

Mark has a **25-year Technology Leadership background in K12 Education**, as well as **10 years of Technology and Cybersecurity consulting experience**. He is deeply committed to assisting clients in enhancing their security posture and minimizing risk exposure. With over two decades of experience in the decision-maker seat, he possesses a profound understanding of the challenges clients face in safeguarding their networks and data amidst the ever-evolving landscape of cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities.

Areas of Expertise

- Security Program Development
- Technology and Security Strategy & Leadership
- Third Party Risk Management (TPRM)
- Strategic Artificial Intelligence Outcomes & Governance
- Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC)
- Audit Readiness & Alignment with secure frameworks:
 - CIS v8
 - NIST CSF v2.0
 - NIST SP 800-171 Rev 2 & 3
 - PCI-DSS
 - HIPAA

Education

Harvard University – Cybersecurity Graduate Program & Certification
Penn State University – Lean Six Sigma Graduate Program & Certification
Chestnut Hill University – Technology Leadership Graduate Program & Certification
Temple University – Master of Education (M.Ed.)
Temple University – Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) – Fox School of Business

Points of Interest

United States Marine Corps Veteran

Advisory Board Member (2021-2025) – Penn State University (Great Valley Graduate Campus) – In U.S. News & World Report's 2025 "Best Online Programs," **Penn State Great Valley is ranked:**

- #3 in Master's in Engineering Management
- #4 in Master's in Engineering programs
- #6 in Master's in Information Technology programs
- Highly rated Master's in Artificial Intelligence program

Advisory Board Member (Current) – La Roche University – Strategic Artificial Intelligence (AI) Certification Program