

CAREER ROADMAP

How to Become a Risk Analyst: A Complete Roadmap

The roadmap to becoming a Risk Analyst: risk assessment, frameworks, certifications, and the path into enterprise and operational risk.

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A **Risk Analyst** identifies, measures, and helps mitigate the risks an organization faces — operational, security, third-party, and increasingly AI risk. It's a versatile entry point into the broader risk and GRC field.

WHAT THE ROLE DOES

- Runs risk assessments and maintains the risk register
- Scores likelihood and impact, and tracks mitigation
- Supports third-party / vendor risk reviews
- Reports risk trends to managers and leadership

FRAMEWORKS & SKILLS

Enterprise risk management (ERM/COSO), NIST, and a growing need for **AI risk** literacy (NIST AI RMF). Core skills: analytical reasoning, comfort with data, and clear written risk communication.

CERTIFICATIONS

CRISC is the GRC-risk standard; **Security+** for fundamentals; **FRM/PRM** for quantitative risk paths. Full credential details and salary data are in the [GRC Certifications Guide](#).

THE PATH

1. **Learn ERM and risk-assessment** methods.
2. **Practice** — build a sample risk register and assessment.
3. **Certify** — Security+ → CRISC.
4. **Specialize** — security, third-party, or AI risk.

Step — Apply

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What certifications help a Risk Analyst?

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Where can I find Risk Analyst jobs?

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