Today's date:
May 2028 (expected graduation)

Long Term Goal:
By May 2029, I will aim to be working full-time in cybersecurity, independently handling routine security investigations and developing practical Azure and identity security skills as a foundation for a career in cloud security engineering.

Short Term Goal 1:
I will secure an entry-level cybersecurity position by August 2028, targeting junior security engineering and SOC analyst roles.

Steps:	By When:	Resources Needed:
Update my CV and LinkedIn with completed projects, training and any internship experience.	May 2028	CV, LinkedIn, project records
Prepare a portfolio of my SIEM lab, web security assessment and AES simulation work, clearly stating project limitations.	June 2028	Wazuh, Python, Burp Suite, research notes
Shortlist at least 15 employers and submit at least four tailored applications per week.	June–August 2028	BAU Career Center, LinkedIn Jobs, company websites
Practice technical interviews twice a week, focusing on networking, Linux, alert triage and security fundamentals.	August 2028	Lab exercises, interview questions, classmates

Short Term Goal 2:
After securing a position, I will complete my probation and demonstrate that I can handle routine security tasks by November 2028.

Steps:	By When:	Resources Needed:
Learn the team's security tools, procedures and escalation process.	September 2028	Onboarding material, team mentor
Shadow experienced analysts and practice investigating alerts and documenting findings.	October 2028	Approved SIEM access, incident procedures
Complete assigned routine investigations and request feedback during my probation review.	November 2028	Ticketing system, supervisor feedback

Short Term Goal 3: I will earn a relevant security operations certification by February 2029 to strengthen my technical foundation for cloud security.		
Steps:	**By When:**	**Resources Needed:**
Review Microsoft SC-200 or its available equivalent and confirm its relevance to my role.	December 2028	Microsoft Learn, manager advice
Study at least four hours per week and practice detection, incident investigation and KQL queries.	January 2029	Microsoft Learn, practice labs
Complete practice assessments and schedule the exam when ready.	February 2029	Practice tests, exam budget
Take the certification exam and review any areas that need improvement.	February 2029	Exam registration, study notes
Short Term Goal 4: By May 2029, I will complete two practical cloud security projects and identify the next steps toward a Cloud Security Engineer role.		
Steps:	**By When:**	**Resources Needed:**
Build an Azure identity security lab using Microsoft Entra ID, RBAC, MFA and least privilege.	March 2029	Azure lab account, Microsoft Learn
Build a cloud monitoring lab to investigate security events and document findings.	April 2029	Azure logs, Microsoft Sentinel lab, KQL
Document both projects without exposing confidential employer information.	May 2029	Personal portfolio, lab notes
Review my progress with a mentor and identify skills needed for junior cloud security roles.	May 2029	Mentor feedback, job descriptions, learning roadmap