# NPA in Cyber Security
## Graduate Case Studies

## PRATHIBHA KOTTAPALLI

### Profile

Prathibha Kottapalli is a recent graduate from West Lothian College's Digital Upskilling NPA SCQF Level 6 in Cyber Security, and already holds a Masters qualification in Organic Chemistry.

Prathibha currently works part-time as a company secretary and has partaken in voluntary work in a primary school.

### Experience of the Course

"I undertook this course as I wanted to pursue a career in IT, and thought that a course in Cyber Security would be good to learn.

I learned about how data is stored, and how we can protect personal and business data. In the Ethical Hacking module, I learned about how hackers operate, phases of hacking, and penetration testing.

Some of the new skills I've learned include using Linux commands and playing around in virtual machine. I learned how to find digital evidence while using different software like Autopsy, Wireshark, S-tools and WinMD5, which I really enjoyed.

I am now looking for an entry-level position, such as Cyber Security Analyst, to further my career in cyber."

- Prathibha Kottapalli