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What is the CAE2Y

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Welcome

What's New?

CAE Application Website is Now Open

The CAE Application website is now open for submissions for the 2018 cycle. Program requirements and other resources can be found here. Please see an important notice to all applicants below.

New Applicant Checklist

* While not mandatory, applicants who wish to take advantage of application assistance may complete the New Applicant Checklist [https://www.caecommunity.org/cae-program-applicant-checklist]. The checklist will guide the applicant through the program requirements and provide a self-assessment of readiness. Applicants that opt to receive support will have their checklist reviewed and will be referred to one of two assistance paths.

Program Development & Application Assistance

* Program Development: Applicants who are assessed to require more than one year to be ready for designation will be assigned to Program Development. In this phase, the applicant will have access to workshops, seminars, and an adviser to help in their preparation for designation. Schools in this phase will also be invited to programs and events hosted by the CAE Community (caecommunity.org) and have access to other resources offered by the Program Office Info for the CAE audience.

* Application Assistance: Applicants who are assessed to be within one year of readiness for designation will be assigned to Application Assistance. In this phase, the applicant will work closely with a mentor to complete the application.

* Applicants that choose to opt out of Application Assistance must acknowledge that they do not wish to receive support via the New Applicant Checklist.

About the Programs

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CAE-CID institutions receive formal recognition from the U.S. Government as well as opportunities for prestige and publicity for their role in securing our Nation’s information systems.

National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (CAE-C)

- NSA/DHS National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-C)
- National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE)
- National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Research (CAE-C/R)

National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations (CAE-CO)

- NSA/DHS National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Two-Year Education (CAE-2Y)
- NSA/DHS National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Research (CAE-C/R)
First Steps
• Make an account at
• https://www.iad.gov/NIETP/

CAE REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES
https://www.iad.gov/NIETP/CAERequirements.cfm
In August 2015, the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded a major grant to Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, Wash., to drive a substantial nationwide expansion of cybersecurity programs in other colleges and universities.

Primary Goals

- Strengthen and expand the number of community colleges across the United States that meet national standards in cybersecurity education (CAE2Y)
- Develop content modules to enhance computer science and cybersecurity courses
CRRC’s
Hub CAE Regional Resource Centers

• Central Eastern Region - Forsyth Technical Community College
• New England Region - Mohawk Valley Community College
• North Central Region - Moraine Valley Community College
• South Central Region - San Antonio College
• South Eastern Region - University of West Florida
• Western Region - Coastline Community College
CAE Community Site

https://www.caecommunity.org/
Starting the Process
A Guide for Mapping Courses to Knowledge Units (KUs)

This 47-page guide, from Dr. Fred Klappenberger and the National CyberWatch Center, offers information on mapping the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cyber Defense (CAE IA/CD) required Knowledge Units (KUs) to courses within an institution's degree programs. The document explains the benefits of the CAE IA/CD designation, the application process, and the importance of course mapping to that process. Mapping is broken down into three phases: data gathering, course data entry, and formal mapping.

https://scout.wisc.edu/cyberwatch/r131
Knowledge Units (KUs)

Two-year institutions: the required Core KUs is 11

1. Basic Data Analysis (Core)
2. Basic Scripting (Core)
3. Cyber Defense (Core)
4. Cyber Threats (Core)
5. Fundamental Security Design Principles (Core)
6. IA Fundamentals (Core)
7. Intro to Cryptography (Core)
8. IT System Components (Core)
9. Networking Concepts (Core)
10. Policy, Legal, Ethics and Compliance (Core)
11. Systems Administration (Core)
CAE Mapping Approach
Phase 1 – Intro & Data Gathering

CAE Mapping Approach
Phase 2 – Entering Courses

CAE Mapping Approach
Phase 3 – Course to KU Mapping
Program Criteria
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1. Cyber Defense Curriculum Path
2. Student Skill Development and Assessment
3. “Center” for Cyber Education
4. Cyber Faculty Qualifications and Courses Taught
5. Cyber Defense is a Multidisciplinary Practice at the Institution
6. Institutional Security Plan
7. Cyber Outreach/Collaboration Beyond the Institution
Program Criteria

7 areas of Program Criteria

Marketing and Grants

Cybersecurity National Action Plan