



Blue Ridge Community College, North Carolina

In the heart of the Western North Carolina mountains, **Blue Ridge Community College** was founded in 1969 to serve area students in Henderson and Transylvania counties.

Today, Information Technology (IT) students can choose between five Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree pathways and two certificates. Pathways include Computer Programming and Development, Network Management, IT Support and Services, Cybersecurity, and – our newest pathway – Artificial Intelligence. Students may also pursue Networking & Cybersecurity or Programming certificates. Upon completion, students will qualify for employment in entry-level positions within agencies that rely on information systems.

Blue Ridge has articulation agreements with four-year institutions allowing graduates of AAS degree

programs to fully transfer their course credits for further studies.

Blue Ridge incorporates the competencies of industry-recognized certification exams into the curriculum at no cost, including Cisco, Red Hat, and CompTIA, Microsoft, etc.

Blue Ridge recently opened a Makers Lab with state-of-the-art equipment allowing students to experience a unique hands-on learning environment. Blue Ridge’s student IT club “The Hive” is competitive in cyber competitions.

Blue Ridge is a part of the Carolina Cyber Network (CCN). The CCN’s mission is to strengthen North Carolina’s cybersecurity capabilities through a coordinated, work-ready talent development system connecting public and private institutions.

DESIGNATIONS

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IT Makers Lab