

COLLEGE



Collin College, founded in 1985, began by offering classes at area high schools in Collin County, Texas. It has since grown significantly, now serving more than 58,000 credit and continuing education students annually. The college now has campuses throughout the county, including the flagship campus in McKinney, as well as locations in Plano, Frisco, Rockwall, Allen, Wylie, Farmersville, and Celina. It also offers an online presence through iCollin.

Programs include more than 200 degrees and certificates in diverse disciplines. Notably, Collin College offers bachelor's degrees in Nursing, Cybersecurity, Construction Management, and Clinical Operations Management. Continuing education, developmental courses and workforce development initiatives round out its offerings.

Enrollment has soared from 5,095 in 1986 to more

DESIGNATIONS

• CAE-Cyber Defense

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than 58,000, solidifying Collin College's growth. Scholarships and financial aid help students achieve their goals.

The college's mission is to be a student- and community-centered institution fostering valuable skills, character, and intellectual growth. Its vision is to deliver brighter future for students and communities. Core values include a passion for learning, service and involvement, creativity and innovation, academic excellence, dignity and respect, and integrity.

The mission of the Collin College cybersecurity program is to prepare students for careers in cybersecurity management and support. The program focuses on multiple aspects of cybersecurity, including network management, system administration, penetration testing, defensive operations, basic cryptography, privacy, cybercrime, and cyber policy.

Collin College's cybersecurity program has received several accolades. The National Security Agency (NSA) designated Collin College a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. Additionally, Collin College cybersecurity students have won prestigious competitions, such as the 2022 ISACA North Texas Collegiate Case Competition, where a team placed first. Collin College has been recognized with the 2023 Academic Circle of Excellence Award by the EC-Council and received \$35,000 in scholarships from the North Texas ISSA to support its cybersecurity students' education and training.