



DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) is a vital institution in Central Iowa, providing accessible education and training across a vast district spanning multiple counties. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and approved by the Iowa Department of Education, DMACC offers both career focused (CTE) and transferable curricula, ensuring its programs meet rigorous standards and are eligible for various benefits, including those for veterans.

One standout program at DMACC is the Cybersecurity AAS, approved by the National Security Agency (NSA) as a Center of Academic Excellence – Cyber Defense (CAE-CD). This program is designed to cultivate a skilled workforce adept in safeguarding digital assets. Notably, DMACC's faculty are highly regarded in their fields and actively work in industry and as trainers, bringing real-world expertise and experience into the classroom.

DESIGNATIONS

- CAE-Cyber Defense

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Collaboration lies at the heart of DMACC's approach, evident in its interdisciplinary partnerships with various programs, including computer science, criminal justice, agriculture, business, and nursing. As part of its core initiative, DMACC fosters pathways for higher learning by partnering with esteemed institutions such as Iowa State University, Western Governors University, Drake, Carnegie Mellon University, and Dakota State University.

In response to industry demands, DMACC actively involves professionals to keep its curriculum current. Initiatives like the Cybersecurity Ambassador Program engage K-12 students, educators, and the community expanding the reach of cybersecurity education. These collaborative efforts underscore DMACC's dedication to equipping students with cutting-edge skills for success in today's digital landscape.

Supported by partnerships with leading organizations like CompTIA, Microsoft, Google, and Amazon AWS, DMACC continuously expands opportunities for students to gain critical skills and pursue rewarding careers in cybersecurity. DMACC students are 1 of only 3 community colleges participating in the Techwise Talent Sprint program sponsored by Google. Through these collaborations, DMACC remains at the forefront of cybersecurity education, preparing students for success in an ever-evolving digital landscape.