



# HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Hagerstown Community College Campus

The **Hagerstown Community College (HCC) Center for Cybersecurity** works to advance the practice and public awareness of information technology (IT) security through education and service. Our faculty offer guidance to students, members of different academic disciplines across the College, local government and industry partners. We are dedicated to bridging education with exploration to provide an environment that fosters applied research in IT security, with a focus on innovation and learning. The National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated HCC as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) through academic year 2026.

HCC collaborates with a number of other community colleges in the Western Maryland area to provide a thorough and fun education for cybersecurity students to prepare them for the rigors and

challenges of working in the cybersecurity and information technology fields in a wide range of positions.

Some of the recent and upcoming highlights:

HCC's students participated in NSA's Codebreaker Challenge in 2023, and placed in 86th place, out of 461 participating institutions.

A team of HCC students, cybersecurity and computer science majors, took part at the NCAE Cybergames in March 2024, and placed in 5th place, out of 12 participating institutions (which included both community college and four-year colleges) in this particular division.

In March 2024, HCC was notified that HCC will receive funds to establish and manage its own cyber range, in cooperation with BCR Cyber out of Baltimore. This cyber range will be utilized to create a capstone course for the Cybersecurity AAS program, which will put the students through its paces of engaging and defeating cyber events based on real world occurrences and input from business partners. Additionally, the cyber range will be operated in close cooperation with Garrett College and Allegany College of Maryland.

## DESIGNATIONS

- CAE-Cyber Defense

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