



Houston Community College campus

Houston Community College (HCC) stands as a beacon of accessible education and community enrichment in the greater Houston area. Our primary mission is to enhance the local community by providing quality education programs that serve the diverse needs of students of all backgrounds and age, empowering students with the knowledge, skills, and credentials necessary for academic and career advancement. Through degree and certificate programs, continuing education classes, and dual-credit programs, we strive to create pathways for success for all learners.

HCC Southwest College houses the Digital and Information Technology (DIT) Center of Excellence (COE), which provides innovative training and industry credentials in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and digital gaming and simulation. This initiative aligns with the

increasing demand for skilled professionals in the IT sector.

The Cyber Security Specialization associate in applied science (AAS) degree is one of the most successful 2-year programs in the region. The National Security Agency (NSA) designated our program as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD). Our program offers opportunities to communities and individuals in the rich and always dynamic tech industry that would otherwise be excluded from higher education. We have an excellent faculty, well equipped cutting-edge labs, agreements with major industry partners, and we collaborate with major universities and other community colleges in the area.

DESIGNATIONS

- CAE-Cyber Defense

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HCC being awarded the CAE-CD designation