Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) prioritizes learning, striving to meet the diverse needs of its community through high-quality, affordable, accessible, and innovative lifelong learning opportunities. As a pioneer in cybersecurity education, AACC was among the first community colleges to be designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency (NSA).

It also led the way as the first institution to earn the title of National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence (CDFAE) from the Defense Cyber Crime Center, highlighting its role in setting standards and best practices for digital forensics. Building on its reputation for excellence, AACC became one of the first two community colleges accredited by ABET in Cybersecurity, ensuring its programs meet the rigorous quality standards of the profession.

AACC offers two cutting-edge Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees in Information Assurance and Cybersecurity, with concentrations in Security and Networking. These programs are designed to equip students with practical skills through real-world tools and scenarios, preparing them for careers in Cybersecurity, Networking, and Digital Forensics.

With access to the latest hardware and software, students receive comprehensive hands-on training, covering technical areas such as Advanced Network Defense, Network Intrusion Detection/Penetration Testing, Windows and Linux Server Administration, Digital and Network Forensics, and Networking. This robust training ensures graduates have the knowledge and skills needed for success in cybersecurity-related fields.

Recognized as a career degree by the state of Maryland, the A.A.S. aims to provide students with the necessary skills to enter the workforce immediately. AACC alumni can be found working for prestigious organizations such as the NSA, the Department of Defense (DOD), and various leading entities in the public and private sectors.

Moreover, AACC has established articulation agreements with select colleges, facilitating smooth transfer processes for students wishing to continue their education.