Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) was one of the first community colleges designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Two-Year Education by the NSA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. AACC was also the first institution in the nation to be designated a National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence (CDFAE) by the Defense Cyber Crime Center. CDFAE is the academic component of a partnership with government to create standards and best practices for digital forensics practitioners, educators, and researchers.

AACC offers Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees and certificates in Information Assurance and Cybersecurity. These programs allow students to implement real-world tools and scenarios to prepare for a career in Cybersecurity, Networking, and Digital Forensics. Students have access to the latest hardware and software necessary to provide comprehensive hands-on training. This experience enables individuals to gain the required knowledge and skills to be successful in cybersecurity related fields. Training includes, but is not limited to, the following technical areas of study:

- Networking
- Windows and Linux Server Administration
- Digital and Network Forensics
- Advanced Network Defense
- Network Intrusion Detection/Penetration Testing
- Ethical Hacking

The state of Maryland refers to the A.A.S as a career degree, because it’s intended to provide you with skills to enter the workforce. In some cases, AACC also has developed articulation agreements allowing students to transfer to select colleges.

**DESIGNATIONS**

- CAE – Cyber Defense 2-Year Education

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