The University of Washington (UW) is ranked No. 14 in the world (No. 3 among U.S. public universities) according to the 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities published by the Shanghai Ranking Consultancy. UW graduates 54,000 students annually and is one of the most successful public research universities with over $1.5 billion in grants and contracts annually. UW Medicine ranks No. 1 for primary care education; Computer Science and Engineering ranks among the top 5 in the nation. We are known for a proud culture of innovation, collaboration, and discovery that has transformational impact.

Formed in 2004, the UW Center for Information Assurance and Cybersecurity (CIAC) headquartered at Bothell, prepares cybersecurity professionals as breach-ready, critical thinkers. As one of the NSA’s Regional Resource Centers, CIAC was recognized in 2014 by the Ponemon Institute as among the top ten places in the world to study cybersecurity. We take a "rules & tools" perspective, treating cybersecurity as an interdisciplinary field of study. Taking a systems approach, we are known for cross sector collaborations with industry, military, government, and academia that have produced successful programs like our cooperative learning approach piloted with a leading industry partner.

Under Dr. Endicott-Popovsky’s leadership, CIAC has earned both CAE-CDE and CAE-R designations, founded the Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (PRCCDC) coming in first at nationals in 2010 and 2011, received recognition from UPCEA for best for-credit certificate, as well as numerous teaching and curriculum awards.

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- CAE - Cyber Defense Education
- CAE - Cyber Defense Research

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