Founded in 1971, **Excelsior College** is a regionally accredited, not-for-profit, distance learning institution that focuses on providing educational opportunity to adult learners. The College contributes to the development of a diverse, educated society by valuing lifelong learning with an emphasis on serving individuals who are historically underrepresented by higher education. Excelsior meets students where they are academically and geographically by removing obstacles to the educational goals of adult learners through affordable access to quality instruction and the assessment of learning.

Excelsior College is designated by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education. Its career-aligned cybersecurity curriculum expands across several online programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Excelsior’s programs and experienced faculty prepare students for advancements in such areas as cyber operations, cybersecurity management, cybersecurity technology, and nuclear cybersecurity. Undergraduate and graduate level courses prepare students for industry certification exams, including the Security+ certification, in addition to contributing to a rich program experience.

The National Cybersecurity Institute (NCI) at Excelsior College is a center for cyber defense education dedicated to assisting government, industry, military, and academic sectors meet challenges in cybersecurity policy, technology, and education. In addition, NCI targets the development of effective cybersecurity practice in specific sectors, including health care, finance, utilities, energy, telecommunications, education and training. NCI sponsors Excelsior students to participate annually in cyber competitions. Excelsior was awarded the 2018 GenCyber NSA/NSF Grant to host a cybersecurity camp for middle and high school educators.

**DESIGNATIONS**

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