Whatcom Community College is a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education.

Located in Bellingham, WA and serving nearly 11,000 students annually, Whatcom Community College was one of the first community colleges to earn the CAE designation in 2011. According to the Aspen Institute (2016), WCC is rated among the top nine community and technical colleges in the state and recognized as one of the leading community colleges in the nation.

Students at Whatcom choose from a number of paths toward 2- and 4-year degrees in cybersecurity including an associate of science degree, an associate of applied science transfer degree, a bachelor of applied science degree in IT networking-cybersecurity, or highly valued certifications including Cisco CCNA, Comp Tia’s A+ and Security+, cloud security, and more.

Enrollment in cybersecurity courses at WCC increases dramatically year over year. Female student enrollment increased 83% since 2013 and veteran enrollments consistently average around 25% of students. Most importantly, over 400 Whatcom Community College cybersecurity graduates are prepared for careers in the cybersecurity field today, and the number of graduates steadily increases each year.

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