Pikes Peak Community College’s cybersecurity degree program prepares people for the Cisco Certified Network Associate Security (CCNA Security) certification test or the Computing Technology Industry Association Security+ (CompTIA Security+) certification test. Students can then pursue careers as cybersecurity analysts, information systems security engineers, systems design engineers, and more. Easy job placement and a starting salary of $60,000 a year make this a solid career path. With two new cyber labs at its Rampart Range and Centennial Campuses and an additional cybersecurity lab facility at the Catalyst Campus, PPCC has the capacity to provide affordable, hands-on training to 75 qualified students at a time.

In addition, PPCC’s hands-on, non-credit cybersecurity courses are designed to teach experienced hobbyists and IT professionals all they need to know to pass the Network+, Security+ and Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) exams, the industry standards for anyone wanting to work in cybersecurity. Using brand new cybersecurity ranges, students work through realistic scenarios in the lab. With costs far less than most test-prep boot camps, the PPCC fast-track courses do not count toward a college degree but do come with a voucher to take the industry certification exam at no additional charge.

As part of our effort to become an NSA- and DHS-designated Center of Academic Excellence for Cyber Defense Education, PPCC is now part of both CyberWatch West (CWW), a group of universities and colleges interested in cyber defense and cybersecurity and the National CyberWatch Center, a consortium of higher education institutions, businesses, and government agencies focused on collaborative efforts to advance information security education and research and strengthen the national cybersecurity workforce. PPCC is also a member of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign.