Portland Community College (PCC) is designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. Cybersecurity is infused throughout PCC’s Computer Information Systems (CIS) program. Students are encouraged to develop a security mindset. As part of their CIS coursework, PCC students can earn a Cybersecurity Fundamentals certificate that aligns with the CAE Knowledge Units. The program encourages students to participate in National Cyber League competitions where they engage in defensive and offensive puzzle-based challenges. Faculty consistently participate in the annual Community College Cyber Summit where they learn how to best prepare students for jobs in the field.

PCC Cybersecurity Practices
The college’s Chief Information Officer sits on the President’s executive leadership team to assure that information security is a strategic, college-wide priority. PCC uses cyber road maps with accountability measures to help the institution embrace the urgency of cybersecurity. The cyber roadmaps clarify a unified vision and provide benchmarks to monitor how well PCC is doing and what needs improvement.

In addition, there has been an intentional focus on people and education – from engagement of the Board of Directors, President and executive leadership to campaigns targeted at students, faculty, and staff. The college actively promotes awareness of security issues among both students and staff each October during Cyber Security Awareness Month.

**DESIGNATIONS**

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