The University of Houston has developed a cybersecurity program under the aegis of the National Security Agency’s Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) Cyber Defense Education initiative and operated it since 2007. This program is situated with the Center for Information Security Research and Education in College of Technology, an institution that combines elements of engineering, computing, the sciences, business, and social sciences in applied, highly interdisciplinary, programs. In 2015 the program expanded to include the Department of Computer Science resulting in the CAE-Research designation.

Our programs prepare students for careers in cybersecurity via undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral degrees. The recognized CAE-CDE program is a professional master’s degree in cybersecurity.

This degree is designed to provide hands-on skills for working security professionals to lead teams in cybersecurity. The program has specializations in critical infrastructure protections, digital forensics, and risk management. The University of Houston’s Center for Information Security, Research and Education is the home of the CAE National Resource Center for Knowledge Unit development, an effort that leads the academic input that defines the academic requirements for CAEs.

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