Danville Community College (DCC) is located in the most southern part of Virginia providing training to a very rural, agriculturally based, service region. DCC is designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Two-Year Education (CAE-2Y). DCC’s cybersecurity programs provide curriculums that are mapped to the Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) standard. These programs also provide students with the opportunity to take coursework both online and in traditional classroom based settings, meeting the diverse needs of our students in this service region as well as local community.

Since DCC’s service region is considered rural, obtaining the CAE-2Y designation has provided our students with access to training that would otherwise not be available to them. As an added benefit, DCC’s Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Investigation Certificate programs are transferrable to many four-year institutions and provides cybersecurity skills needed for companies like Microsoft, CISCO, and Perspecta that have job opportunities in our area along with local banks and IT support industries. This has been a positive factor in other industries to consider this area for their corporate needs.

The opportunities that DCC offers to our students include participating in a variety of events such as cyber competitions and extra-curricular activities and membership in the DCC Cyber Knights Club. These students have also benefitted from the experience of traveling to these competitions as well as various field trips to local IT facilities to explore the opportunities available to them from completing the various cyber programs we offer.