Excelsior University, an accredited, not-for-profit online learning institution founded in 1971, focuses on providing educational opportunities to adult learners and contributes to the development of a diverse, educated society with an emphasis on serving individuals who are historically underrepresented by higher education. Excelsior meets students where they are—academically and geographically—removing obstacles to education through affordable access to quality instruction and learning assessment.

Excelsior University is designated by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education. Its online, career-aligned, interdisciplinary BS in Cybersecurity and MS in Cybersecurity programs prepare students for advancement in the areas of cyber operations, cybersecurity management, cybersecurity technology, and nuclear cybersecurity as well as for industry certification exams, including the Security+ certification.

Since 2017, Excelsior students have had the opportunity to practice what they learn by participating in the National Cyber League’s cybersecurity competitions. Through a series of challenges, students demonstrate their ability to identify hackers from forensic data, break into vulnerable websites, recover from ransomware attacks, and more.

The National Cybersecurity Institute (NCI) at Excelsior University is an academic and workforce development center dedicated to assisting government, industry, military, and academic sectors meet the employment challenges within the cybersecurity workforce. Collaborating with both public and private industry, NCI is leading a coordinated effort to build a diverse, equitable, and inclusive cybersecurity workforce and influence an informed leadership that implements cutting-edge education and policy.

**DESIGNATIONS**

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