Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU), a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense, strives to offer students with the transformational, intercultural, and ethical experiences necessary to participate, lead, and prosper in the global marketplace of ideas, commerce, and culture.

Founded in 1942 by Dr. and Mrs. Peter Sammartino, FDU has grown into the largest private university in New Jersey. Today, more than 11,600 students from 32 states and 72 countries are enrolled on the University’s two campuses in New Jersey and its international campuses in Wroxton, England and Vancouver, Canada. FDU offers multiple undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificate programs in various disciplines through its 2 colleges and 7 schools. It has offered degree programs in computer science since 1975 and concentrations in cybersecurity since 2010. The undergraduate information technology program started in 2004 offers a concentration in security and forensics since 2015. FDU Center for Cybersecurity and Information Assurance was established in 2012, paving the way for FDU’s CAE-IAE, CAE-CDE, and CAE-CD designations in 2013, 2015, and 2021, respectively.

Our CAE designation has resulted in a steady growth of student enrollment, engagement of faculty in course and program developments, and thriving student research and scholarship for service experiences through the NSA Cybersecurity National Action Plan (CNAP) grant in 2017, DoD Cyber Scholarship funding since 2019, and a subaward from Education Pathway National Center (EPNC) since 2022. Ongoing faculty research on hardware security, IoT, artificial intelligence, and physical security further strengthens the training of cyber defenders for our country.