Metro State University, a member of the Minnesota State higher education system, is an accredited, comprehensive, urban university that provides accessible, affordable, high-quality student-centered educational programs to the citizens and communities of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. It caters especially to underserved communities, including people of color and adults, emphasizing the removal of barriers to higher education—a right that should be universally accessible. The university prides itself on its diverse faculty, staff, and student body, striving to create anti-racist working and learning spaces. As a “Yellow Ribbon” institution, Metro State extends comprehensive support to veterans, active military members, and their families, helping them achieve personal and professional success.

The university also houses the MN Cyber Institute, a hub for education, research, and training aimed at making Minnesota a cybersecurity powerhouse. Through education, engagement with lawmakers and the community, and forging innovative public-private partnerships, the Institute seeks to strengthen the state's cybersecurity infrastructure and workforce. It serves a wide array of stakeholders, including businesses, educational institutions, government entities, and local professional organizations, providing advanced infrastructure, research, education, and training.

The MN Cyber Institute is guided by an advisory board featuring senior security executives from leading organizations such as 3M, Best Buy, United Health Group, and US Bank, etc., alongside representatives from MN.IT, the Minnesota National Guard, and state lawmakers, ensuring its initiatives are aligned with industry and governmental needs.