The Northeast Lakeview College (NLC) Cyber Defense Institute (NLC-CDI) was created in 2020 as a hub for the Information Technology programs at Northeast Lakeview College (NLC) and as a cyber security resource for the tri-county area of Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe counties. NLC’s Cyber Defense program equips students with industry-relevant Cyber Security Training in Cisco, Windows, and Linux inside of a dedicated network environment. Our teaching methodology balances traditional classroom education with hands-on projects where students use “real world” tools to solve “real world” Cyber Security challenges. The primary degree for Northeast Lakeview College students in this program is an associate of applied science in Cyber Defense. Completion of this program prepares a student for industry certifications such as CompTIA Security+, CompTIA Linux+, FortiNet Network Security Expert (NSE4) and the CompTIA Cyber Security Analyst (CySA+). The NSA has recognized San Antonio as a regional hub for cybersecurity activity and hosts the largest cyber workforce outside of Washington, DC, and most recently the Cyber Defense program at NLC was recognized by the NSA as the area’s newest Center of Academic Excellence. Students in NLC’s Cyber Defense Program excel at national competitions.

In 2023, the College placed #74 nationally in the Cyber Power Rankings among over 7,820 students from 450 colleges and universities. And in 2022, the Nighthax Team ranked in the top 3% in the US at the National Cyber League Competition. Additionally, NLC’s Cyber Defense program was recognized as one of the best 20 Associate degree Programs in Cybersecurity in 2021.

Northeast Lakeview College is one of the five Alamo Colleges and provides access to quality academic programs and career and technical courses that prepare students for future success in in-demand careers. The College serves more than 8,200 students from northeast San Antonio and Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties. Offering a wide selection of degrees, certificates, pre-majors, and programs such as cyber defense, social media, logistics, and pre-nursing, NLC prepares students for in-demand careers or to transition to the university.