Northwest Arkansas Community College received the designation of a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense in 2023. NWACC's mission is to Empower lives, inspire learning, and strengthen community through accessible, affordable, quality education.

Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) provides quality and affordable higher education to empower lives and strengthen communities within Northwest Arkansas and the surrounding areas. The college offers a full range of certificates and associate degrees that lead to career pathways that Strengthen the workforce. NWACC is also accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

The NWACC Center for Cyber Security strives to improve and develop curriculum to increase the number of information assurance and Cybersecurity professionals in the workforce, improve the skills of existing professionals, improve diversity among information assurance and security professionals, and advance the knowledge and practice of information assurance and cyber security.

NWACC's programs prepare learners for an entry-level position or augment existing skills using curriculum mapped to the NIST Knowledge Units and National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Workforce Framework for Cybersecurity. The Computer Information Systems Computer Networking program (AAS) prepares students for a career in Networking and Cybersecurity with entry level employment opportunities.

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