Northwood Technical College, part of the Wisconsin Technical College System, serves Northwest Wisconsin with campuses in Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake, and Superior, offering over 60 career paths. The college is dedicated to empowering students to achieve success, aiming to transform communities and lead in workforce development and community engagement through student success.

Its IT-Cybersecurity Specialist program, a two-year associate degree, prepares students to defend against digital attacks by providing practical experience in networking, virtualization, and security through hands-on learning. Students engage in configuring security settings, testing and monitoring systems, and learning about attacks and security measures to protect data.

The program covers a solid IT foundation, including Windows and Linux environments, routers, switches, firewalls, VPNs, and servers, using both vendor tools and open-source resources. Embracing modern education methods, the program offers virtual learning with 24/7 access to Netlab pods, ensuring a flexible and comprehensive learning experience.

Northwood Technical College prioritizes advanced education aligned with business and industry needs, making its IT-Cybersecurity Specialist program notable for its practical approach, skill development, and virtual learning adaptability, equipping students for the ever-evolving cybersecurity field.