Richmond Community College (RCC) is proud to announce that it has been designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CD). This prestigious recognition, awarded in December 2023, reflects RCC’s commitment to providing high-quality cybersecurity education and training to students and the community.

RCC offers a variety of programs and courses that prepare students for careers in cybersecurity. One of these is a 14-week, continuing education networking/security course, funded by an NSA subgrant from the Carolina Cyber Network (CCN), of which RCC is a member. This course trains students for industry-recognized Network+ and Security+ certifications and provides them with certification vouchers and training materials as part of a low course fee. Thanks to this affordable and accessible opportunity, enrollment in this course has risen.

Another program that incorporates cybersecurity training is the Electric Utilities and Substation Relay Technology (EUSRT) program, which prepares students for careers in the electric power industry. RCC has added a new course to this program, which covers the fundamentals of supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems and their security implications. This course is required for EUSRT students, and it equips them with the skills and knowledge to protect our critical infrastructure.

RCC is honored to be recognized as a CAE-CD institution and is dedicated to continuing its excellence in cybersecurity education. RCC is confident it will prepare students for the challenges and opportunities in cybersecurity, and that its community and industry engagement will contribute to national and global cybersecurity efforts.