Stark State College (SSC), which became a CAE in 2023, offers an associate of science degree in cyber security and computer forensics. The degree focuses on digital forensics and cybersecurity with a rigorous curriculum of in-demand skills that includes practical, hands-on lab assignments to give students the skills and discipline to progress in their education and obtain employment in these fields.

The College relies on the acumen and advice of area business and industry leaders to ensure SSC programs meet workforce needs, while workforce training helps employers find skilled workers and train current workers on- and offsite.

Graduates of the program have gone on to work for the Ohio Attorney General’s Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation; cybersecurity companies such as TrustedSec, Binary Defense and Involta; and the Department of Homeland Security.

SSC is a student-centered comprehensive community college with transferable higher education and career development programs. With nearly 14,000 credit-seeking students and more than 220 associate degrees and certificates, it’s the largest among the five colleges and universities in Stark County, Ohio.

Among the College’s many student organizations is the High Technology Crime Investigation Association student chapter. In 2009, Stark State became the first institution in Ohio and the second in the country to begin a HTCIA student chapter.

SSC is a Regional Programming Center for the Ohio Cyber Range Institute, holds an annual cyber security symposium in partnership with the Ohio HTCIA, hosts speakers who are professionals in the cyber security field, holds summer cyber boot camps for high school students and hosts a hacking challenge sponsored by Involta and HacWare.

Stark State’s Cyber Security Center was established to promote cyber awareness, cyber security and workforce development by providing information, training and education to students, staff and the public.

Stark State also maintains articulation agreements with other CAE-accredited institutions, including the University of Cincinnati, Kent State University and Franklin University.