Wayne Community College, located in eastern North Carolina, provides access to high-quality education, and produces the backbone of the workforce in the communities it serves. We do this while staying committed to cultivating and sustaining a supportive and respectful environment where all individuals feel welcome. The National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated Wayne Community College as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) through academic year 2025. Our mission is to advance cybersecurity education by providing top-notch curriculum, access to cutting-edge resources, and support along students’ educational journey.

Wayne Community College offers more than 200 degrees and certificates in a wide variety of disciplines, including an Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity. Coursework includes networking technologies, secure communications, ethical hacking, penetration testing, network vulnerabilities, perimeter defense, computer crime investigations, and more. This coursework also prepares students for industry-recognized certifications such as Cisco, CompTIA, EC-Council, Microsoft, and more. Beyond the technical skills, you also develop critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, risk management principles and strong ethical standards. Cybersecurity enrollment at the college has increased more than 200% in the past four years.

In addition to Cybersecurity, the Information Systems Technology department at Wayne Community College offers degrees in Artificial Intelligence (first in the state), IT Support & Services, Software Development, Game Art & Animation, Game & Automation Programming, and Entertainment Technologies.

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