Western Washington University, catering to over 15,000 students in Bellingham and across the Puget Sound and Central Salish Sea regions, offers a distinctive Cybersecurity degree through a collaborative academic partnership with Washington State community colleges. This program follows a 2+2 pathway, where students spend the first two years earning a specific cybersecurity transfer degree at one of eight partner colleges.

In the subsequent two years, they complete their Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity at one of WWU's three Washington State locations: Bellingham, Poulsbo, or Kirkland. Tailored to meet the high demand for cybersecurity professionals, this program equips students with the necessary skills to prevent and respond to internet security breaches that endanger businesses, corporations, and governmental entities. Graduates of Western's Cybersecurity program have successfully secured positions at prominent companies such as Amazon Web Services, Premera Blue Cross, and CI Security.

The program ensures that graduates possess a comprehensive skill set, including the ability to analyze complex cybersecurity problems, design and evaluate technical solutions that meet specific security requirements, and communicate effectively across various professional contexts. Moreover, graduates will understand their professional responsibilities and make informed decisions based on legal and ethical principles. They are also prepared to function effectively as either a member or leader of a team engaged in cybersecurity activities and apply security principles across the cybersecurity field to maintain operations amidst risks and threats.

**DESIGNATIONS**

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