



**Metropolitan State University**, a member of the Minnesota State higher education system, is an accredited, comprehensive, urban university that provides accessible, affordable, high-quality student-centric educational programs to the citizens and communities of the twin-cities metropolitan area, with continued emphasis on underserved groups, including adults and communities of color. The university's faculty, staff, and students reflect the area's rich diversity, build a culturally competent and anti-racist learning community and demonstrate an unwavering commitment to civic engagement. The university is a "Yellow Ribbon" company and provides veterans and active military personnel with community support, training, access to services, and the resources to further their personal and professional goals. The University proudly houses MN Cyber; a statewide education, research, and

training institute for cybersecurity, forensics, and IoT, with the main goal to position Minnesota as a national leader in cybersecurity and its related workforce through education, legislative and community engagement, and innovative public-private partnerships. The Institute helps foster the statewide cybersecurity ecosystem by providing necessary infrastructure, research, education, and training capabilities to all the stakeholders including K-12 schools, institutions of higher learning, private businesses, state government, staffing and recruiting agencies, the Minnesota National Guard, and other local professional organizations. The Institute also provides advanced cybersecurity training through MN Cyber Range. The Institute receives its guidance through the advisory board that comprises of CISOs from major organizations (United Health Group, 3M, US Bank, Best Buy etc.) as well as state legislators.

## DESIGNATIONS

- CAE – Cyber Defense Education

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