



The National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security have designated **Pueblo Community College** a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-2Y) for its cybersecurity program. The designation makes PCC the lone two-year accredited program in southern Colorado. “This designation is the culmination of years of dedication to training, development, education, and promotion of the cybersecurity discipline at PCC,” said Jennifer Sherman, dean of business and advanced technology. “We are proud to be a leader in this field as we address the workforce demand and talent pipeline for business and industry.”

Tim Gama, director of PCC’s cybersecurity program, spent the past year completing the accreditation process. PCC’s existing program had to meet

stringent criteria to be approved.

“I was so pleased when told that the college had been awarded this distinguished accreditation,” said PCC President Patty Erjavec. “I could not be more proud of Tim and his fine efforts to move our cybersecurity program to this level.”

Students who complete PCC’s 60-credit program will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Networking Cybersecurity and will be prepared to test for certification in several areas. They will be able to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation or transfer to a four-year program “We’re training today for jobs not yet created,” Gama said. “With this designation, the industry will recognize that our students are trained and ready for the cyber industry.”

DESIGNATIONS

- CAE - Cyber Defense 2-Year Education

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