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Glendale Community College - Established in 1965

Glendale Community College (GCC) is located in Glendale, AZ, and are the proud home of the Glendale Gauchos. In 1965 GCC opened their doors to 1,974 students in one liberal arts program housed in temporary facilities. By September 1966 GCC moved to their permanent location on a 147-acre campus anchored by 226 palm trees lining the central mall. They grew from 1 liberal arts program, to 41 associate degrees and 61 certificate programs and has served over 500,000 students.

With the GCC vision of fostering student success by providing innovative quality learning experiences, GCC's Cybersecurity Program was launched and became a CAE in 2018. In 2022, we were named as partner of the U.S. Cyber Command Academic Engagement Network (AEN).

Through a STEM grant, the program developed and built the Gaucho Security Operations Center; with the Grand Opening of phase I taking place in August 2023. The purpose of the GSOC is to partner with surrounding rural municipalities who need assistance in their cybersecurity efforts. The GSOC is a live SOC and is staffed by paid interns (students) in their last semester of their degree charged with monitoring, detecting and informing our clients of vulnerabilities and potential threats to their system.

GSOC provides graduating students with over 300 hours of real-world experience and are closing the gap between academia and workplace ready skills. Providing this opportunity to our students is a rewarding venture that fosters student success.

DESIGNATIONS
• CAE-Cyber Defense

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