



Missoula College University of Montana

The **Mission of Missoula College** is to create a comprehensive, accessible, student-centered learning environment that fosters individual growth, facilitates workforce development, and provides a foundation for advanced academic achievement.

Missoula College was designated a CAE-CD institution in 2017 and was the first such designation in Montana. We were re-designated in 2023 and work closely with institutions across the state to develop and mentor additional CAE-CD programs.

In conjunction with the State of Montana, Missoula College established the statewide CyberMontana initiative as the hub for cybersecurity education for residents of all ages. In addition to Missoula College's traditional for-credit programs, certificates, and degrees, CyberMontana offers numerous non-credit educational tracks for existing and

aspiring cybersecurity practitioners and the non-technical workforce. Security Awareness Training is a cornerstone of these programs and CyberMontana intends to reach over 10,000 residents with current, engaging information on best practices in day-to-day computing tasks.

Building on the work of CyberMontana, the University of Montana recently established the Center for Cybersecurity Workforce and Rural Policy to serve as a regional hub for cybersecurity workforce training, community outreach, policy development and practice, and research. The Center provides a home for new and existing multidisciplinary cybersecurity teaching and learning, creative scholarship, and collaboration.

A key component of Missoula College and CyberMontana activity is partnership with federal, state, local, public, and private entities to raise the defensive posture of businesses and entities operating across the state. We work with the Montana Army National Guard Cyber Defense team, CISA, and state-level collaborators to provide comprehensive resources for private business, governmental, and educational agencies.

The administration, faculty, and staff of Missoula College are proud of our accomplishments in and contributions to cyber defense across Montana, and we deeply appreciate the opportunities for collaboration and collegiality across the CAE community.

DESIGNATIONS

- CAE-Cyber Defense

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