



Olivet Nazarene: We Believe. You Belong Here.

Olivet Nazarene University's Cybersecurity Defense program provides students with a robust learning experience. The program exposes students to hands-on learning, relevant technology, and extensive certification opportunities. Designed with intention and substantial attention to detail, the program remains constant to five core principles:

CAE Alignment: The program recognizes the importance of the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (NCAE-CD). From the beginning, the program remained diligent to ensure the it remained aligned with the objectives, purpose, and knowledge units to meet this national criteria.

Certifications: Recognizing the importance of industry certifications, the program partners with CompTIA, EC-Council, Amazon, and PearsonVUE. Today's learners desire practical skills that can

be used immediately and employers want new employees that are ready to work on the first day. Students benefit from on-campus certification exams through the department private PearsonVUE test center.

Hands-On Learning & Labs: Unlike traditional computer science programs that often separate theory from practice, this program emphasizes hands-on learning. While theoretical knowledge is important, the program equally values practical experience, ensuring students are well-prepared for real-world challenges.

Industry Perspective: To maintain relevance and best practices, the program is guided by an advisory council consisting of industry leaders from banking, manufacturing, cybersecurity, information technology, and education. This council guides both the program and the Center for Cybersecurity Outreach (CCO).

Pracademic Instructors: The program employs pracademic instructors – professional who not only teach lives out their career in a field of practice. As something is changing in the field, the pracademic instructor can bring it into classroom settings as it is happening. Technology is a rapidly changing field. Many programs struggle to keep their curriculum updated and relevant. Our programs stay current by using individuals who practice what they teach while maintaining adherence and consistency to overall course learning outcomes and objectives.

DESIGNATIONS

- CAE-Cyber Defense

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