

Program of Study / CAE Designation Summary

Institutions wishing to earn the **Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CDE) Designation** for a particular program of study will apply in two parts.

Part 1: Program of Study (PoS) Validation: The process will begin with the submission of elements pertaining to the academic program of study, including curriculum, faculty profiles and qualifications, maturity of the program, and so on. An institution may opt to have multiple programs of study validated before pursuing designation, or may achieve designation with one PoS and return to have additional programs of study validated.

Part 2: CAE Designation: Once one program of study has been validated, the institution may pursue a designation. To be eligible for designation, the academic institutions must hold a current regional accreditation as outlined by the Department of Education (<https://www.ed.gov/accreditation>). While multiple PoS validations per academic institution is allowed, no duplicates of any Institutional designation type is allowed.

Program of Study / CAE Designation Checklist

College Information:

*Institution Name:

*Name of Regional Accreditation Agency:

*Institution Street Address:

* City,

* State

* Zip:

*Name of chosen program of study (PoS):

*Department that houses the program of study:

*Program of Study type:

Doctoral:

Masters:

Bachelors:

Associates:

Certificate:

other:

Point of Contact (POC) Information:

*Title:

*First:

*Last:

*POC Phone:

*Alt. Phone

*POC Email (must be .edu):

*POC Mailing Address:

Secondary Point of Contact (POC) Information:

*Title:

*First:

*Last:

*POC Phone:

*Alt. Phone

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*POC Mailing Address

President/ Provost Information:

*Title:

*First

*Last:

*Phone:

*Email:

Please indicate 'Yes', 'No', or 'Unknown' to the questions below and submit the checklist; you will be contacted with information on how to continue.

Program of Study (PoS) Requirements				
Criteria Name	Criteria Description	Yes	No	Unknown
Program of Study (PoS) General Information	Is your academic institution regionally accredited?			
	Has your Institution previously earned the Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) designation?			

	Have you attended a CAE workshop in the past 6 months?			
	Have you been approved by your institutions administration to pursue the PoS validation?			
1. Program of Study (PoS): Curriculum	Are you familiar with your institutions accreditation process?			
	Are you familiar with program-level learning outcomes?			
	Are you familiar with curriculum maps?			
2. Students	Has the selected PoS been in existence for three (3) years with one (1) year of graduates?			
	Are you able to provide student transcripts (redacted) to demonstrate that students have completed the selected PoS at your institution?			
3. Program Faculty	Is there someone with overall responsibility for the selected PoS?			

CAE Designation Requirements				
Criteria Name	Criteria Description	Yes	No	Unknown
1. Institution Commitment	Is your institution able to provide evidence of their commitment to excellence in the cyber defense field?			
	Does your Provost or higher support the pursue of earning the CAE designation?			
2. Established "Center" for Cybersecurity	Does your institution have an officially established cyber center (physical or virtual)?			
	Does your cyber center have an external board of advisors?			
	Is your cyber center website visible within the institution and the external community?			
3. Cybersecurity is an multidisciplinary practice	Are you able to provide evidence that students in other departments are exposed to cyber concepts?			

4. Institutional Security Plan	Are you able to provide evidence of your institutions information system security plan and policies?			
	NOTE: For the final application, evidence of such a plan must be provided.			
	Does the institution have an Information System Security Officer (ISSO) to oversee Security ?			
	Does your institution provide cybersecurity awareness training, online help, and security best practice guides for students, faculty, and staff?			
5. Articulation Agreements	Does your institution offer a Transfer of Credit/Articulation Agreements with other academic institutions offering a cybersecurity degree or certificate?			

*I certify that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge: *Yes/No*