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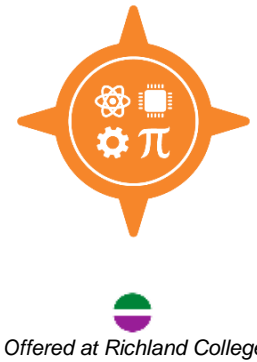
GUIDED PATHWAY: CYBER SECURITY AAS–DIGITAL FORENSICS EMPHASIS

For more information, visit www.dcccd.edu/cybersecurity and your academic advisor at Richland College.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Cyber Security Digital Forensics Emphasis associate degree. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Cyber Security ⁱⁱ. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

The AAS degree program in Cyber Security-Digital Forensics Emphasis is designed to prepare students for various entry-level opportunities in the information security sector with emphasis in secure systems administration. The Digital Forensics places emphasis on investigative techniques and digital forensic analysis applicable to computers, mobile, and network devices. Students completing this degree can apply for jobs such as: Digital Forensics Technical, Incident Response Analyst. Gainful employment information for this degree can be found at www.dcccd.edu/gainfulemp. Courses that complete the Degree (D) are noted below.

Visit www.ntxccc.org/pathways to view guided pathways created for students who complete an AAS degree and the options for transfer to complete a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science. Speak with an academic advisor at your college to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.



Offered at Richland College

COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

READING & WRITING PLACEMENT

MATH PLACEMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

TSI READING MET: YES NO
TSI WRITING MET: YES NO

TSI MATH MET: YES NO

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: YES NO

IF TSI OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY NOT MET, INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

DREA / DWRI / DIRW (CIRCLE ONE)

DMAT _____

ESOL _____

OTHER: _____

OTHER: _____

OTHER: _____

Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS ⁱⁱⁱ
ALL MAPS CAN BE MODIFIED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PART-TIME STUDENTS

D	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
♦	ENGL 1301 – Composition I ^{iv} (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend an industry related meetup group.
♦	ITCC 1414 – CCNA 1: Introduction to Networks	
♦	MATH 1314 – College Algebra ^{iv} (core course)	
♦	ITSC 1416 – Linux Installation and Configuration OR ITSC 1405 – Introduction to PC Operating Systems	
♦	POFI 1104 – Computer Fundamentals ^v	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

D	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
♦	ITSY 1400 – Fundamentals of Information Security	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to request an official program of study audit, confirm or update your academic and career path and program of study. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend an industry related meetup group. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Cyber Security club meetings and competitions.
♦	ITMT 2405 – Designing and Implementing a Server Infrastructure	
♦	ITDF 1400 – Introduction to Digital Forensics	
♦	SPCH 1321 – Business and Professional Communication (core course)	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

D	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
♦	ITDF 2420 – Digital Forensics Collection OR ITSE 1429 – Programming Logic and Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend an industry related meetup group. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Cyber Security club meetings and competitions. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a faculty regarding internship opportunities.
♦	ITDF 1405 – Digital Data Storage Forensics	
♦	ITDF 2425 – Digital Forensics Tools	
♦	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ^{vi} (core course)	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

D	SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
♦	ITSY 2442 – Incident Response and Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> See faculty or career services for employment opportunities. <input type="checkbox"/> Review your degree plan and apply for graduation. <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for commencement. <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Alumni Network!
♦	ITSY 2430 – Digital Forensics Analysis	
♦	ITDF 2435 – Comprehensive Digital Forensics Project OR ITDF 2471 – Internship for Digital Forensics	
♦	Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective ^{vi} (core course)	
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TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS | PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

ⁱ Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.

ⁱⁱ Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Richland College.

ⁱⁱⁱ This is not an official degree plan. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

^{iv} You must earn a grade of "C" or better in English 1301 and MATH 1314.

^v Students must choose Word Processing Skills or Spreadsheet Skills.

^{vi} There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.