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News & Updates

WiCyS Virtual - Live from Everywhere

For the first time, WiCyS (Women in Cyber Security) will expand the conference to an online, live, virtual space. The in-person live event happens April 11 to 13 in Nashville. Due to its popularity, the event quickly sold out and registration is now closed.

To accomodate a larger audience, the conference will offer a virtual version of the event online. This is the premier event to recruit, retain, and advance women in cybersecurity.

Online event is April 18th, 10AM to 5PM Central. Register by April 15th.
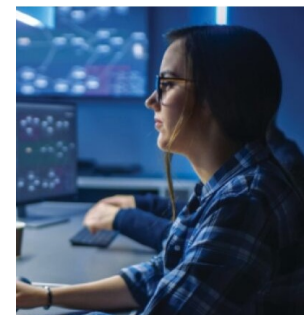
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Upcoming Event

Industry Night at Whatcom Community College: Securing the Next Generation of Technology Workers.

April 24 from 3 to 6PM at the Whatcom Community College campus.

Industry leaders, hiring managers, and cybersecurity professionals are invited to attend an evening of collaboration and learning at Whatcom Community College.

The theme "Securing the Next Generation of Technology Workers" is about building a bench of skilled workers who can take on the security challenges of the future.

Industry leaders will be speaking on this topic and engaging in a panel discussion about how their businesses have developed working relationships with colleges. Attendees will learn of the multifaceted value of providing internships and apprenticeships as well as giving feedback to colleges about cybersecurity curriculum.

Cyber Range Workshop - Highlights

On Feb 9, cybersecurity college faculty from across WA state gathered at Highline Community College to brainstorm innovative technical enhancements for training the next gen of cybersecurity professionals.

The CCoE is funding subject matter experts to build more cyber exercises and challenges on the Cyber Range Poulsbo platform - an open educational resource.

Contact the CoE if you are interested in building Cyber Range exercises or in becoming a peer reviewer. All labs must finish development by June 30, 2024.

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https://www.cyberrangepoulsbo.com/

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NICE Framework Releases v1.0.0.0

In March 2024, the NICE Framework v1.0.0.0 was released.

It consolidates a series of updates that have been underway since 2020. This is the first official published version since 2017.

Updates include a refactoring of Ability statements, Knowledge and Skill statements, changes to the list of Work Roles and Categories, as well as updates to the Tasks statements.

View the PDF Online

Market Research

Top Tech Skills Needed by Cybersecurity Workers

The CCoE recently met with its board of

advisors to ask:

"When a job applicant seeks a cybersecurity job within your organization, what skills brings their resume to the top of the pile?"

Responses included:
Containers and Microservices, DevSecOps, Scripting and Automation, and AI/ML Data Protection. Click the "Read More" button to read the full report.

Connect with the Cybersecurity Center of Excellence to share the top 5 or 10 technical skills needed by job applicants at your organization.

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About the Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (CCoE)

Hosted at **Whatcom Community College** in Bellingham, WA, the CCoE serves as a state-wide hub to enable Washington state's community & technical college system to be the epicenter for cybersecurity education and connect employers with a highly skilled workforce, empowering our region to thrive securely and safely.

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