CYBERSECURITY INSTITUTE

The Cybersecurity Institute at Laredo College partners with CompTIA, AccessData, and Hack The Box to deliver industry-recognized certification preparation and educational content. These partnerships enable the curriculum to integrate hands-on, practical training, equipping students with the skills needed for careers in cybersecurity.

Students engage in immersive, hands-on exercises, including cyber-range scenarios that simulate real-world cybersecurity incidents. This approach ensures that students gain practical, real-world experience, preparing them for the cybersecurity workforce.

Graduates of the Cybersecurity Institute benefit from practical experience, industry-aligned training, and the preparation required to pursue certifications from CompTIA, AccessData, and Hack The Box, making them highly competitive in this fast-growing field.

The Cybersecurity Institute program has an articulation agreement with Western Governors University, providing students with a seamless pathway to further their education.

Degrees & Certificates

Information Assurance, Associate of Applied Science (https://catalog.laredo.edu/degree-programs-certificates/workforce-education/cybersecurity-institute/cyber-defense-associate-applied-science/)

Information Assurance, Certificate II (https://catalog.laredo.edu/degree-programs-certificates/workforce-education/cybersecurity-institute/digital-forensics-certificate-1-year/)

Information Assurance, Certificate I (https://catalog.laredo.edu/degree-programs-certificates/workforce-education/cybersecurity-institute/cyber-defense-certificate-1-year/)

Admission Requirements

The student seeking admission to the **Associate of Applied Science in Information Assurance** program must:

1. **Be admitted as an LC student**
   - A student must reapply if they last attended more than one year ago.
   - Visit https://www.applytexas.org/ for more information.
   - Ensure you have an LC Palomino ID and access to your LC student email before applying.
2. **Meet TSI Readiness Requirements**
   - Applicants must be TSI Ready in **Reading, Writing, and Math** to be eligible for program consideration.
3. **Sign the Code of Ethics Document**
   - All applicants must read, acknowledge, and sign the **Information Assurance Code of Ethics** form before submission.
4. **Program Interview**

   - Eligible applicants will participate in a program interview to assess their readiness, motivation, and alignment with program goals.