

Prince George's Community College Announces Two New Certificate Programs in Information Security

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On-line Programs Teach Students How to Recognize and Defend Against Cyber Attacks

LARGO, Md.— Prince George's Community College (PGCC) has announced the launch of two new on-line professional development certificate programs in Information Security and Information Security Management. The Information Security certificate will help to prepare students for an entry-level position in the field of information security and the Information Security Management certificate will help meet the needs of technical and security staff for both managing and implementing information security projects. Both certificate programs can lead to an associate degree and are already available in a face-to-face format. With the expansion of the on-line certificate programs students can now take advantage of a more flexible content delivery, take classes from anywhere in the country, and receive national recognition from organizations such as Andrews Air Force Base, Fort Meade, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and other organizations that are involved with the military's base realignment program, as well as from technology companies involved with recognizing and defending against computer security threats.

Through the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission's higher education grants program, the college was previously awarded \$87,000 to meet the demands of BRAC postsecondary students. PGCC in partnership with CyberWATCH and MarylandOnline has used the money to expand and develop these on-line courses and programs in information security and has deployed these courses through MarylandOnline.

To enroll in either of these on-line certificate programs, visit the college Web site at www.pgcc.edu. To learn more about the Information Security certificate programs visit <http://www.edtechpolicy.org/BRAC/>

Prince George's Community College is a comprehensive, public, post-secondary institution that provides high quality academic instruction, workforce development and continuing education to the citizens of Prince George's County and surrounding areas. The college awards associate's degrees, letters of recognition and program certificates. For more information, visit the college Web site at www.pgcc.edu.