

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - CYBERSECURITY SPECIALIST

**Program Number:** 10-151-2

Associate of Applied Science Degree

**Campus:** Fond du Lac, West Bend, Online

This program is eligible for financial aid (<http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/>)

Become an expert in internet security and enter a complex and quickly-growing career field with the Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist program.

## About the Program

Cyberattacks are the fastest-growing crime in the U.S., and the complexity of these attacks is alarming. In response, organizations require internal resources to prevent these threats. The Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist program prepares students to work as cybersecurity specialists, whose main responsibility is to protect an organization's computer network and systems. They are also skilled at maintaining system security to prevent cyberattacks.

## What You'll Learn

Graduates will protect data confidentiality, integrity and availability while learning ways to implement security mechanisms. Emphasis is placed on vigilant security awareness, identifying network threats and deploying appropriate incident responses. Curriculum is aligned with industry recognized standards and prepares students for certification in IT security.

## Earn Two Information Technology Degrees at Once!

With an additional 18 credits, students can earn both the Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist and Information Technology - Network Specialist Associate of Applied Science degrees in only five terms (just under two and a half years). Students should follow the Dual Degree Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist and Information Technology - Network Specialist program guide.

## Earn Three Information Technology Degrees at Once (3-in-3)!

With an additional 27 credits, students can earn the Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist, Information Technology - Network Specialist and Information Technology – Technical Support Specialist Associate of Applied Science degrees in only six terms (three degrees within three years!). Students should follow the Triple Degree Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist, Information Technology - Network Specialist and Information Technology – Technical Support Specialist program guide.

## Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable, accessible** and **convenient**. You can

go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (<https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

## Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

## Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

## Approximate Costs

**NOTE: The fees below are 2025-2026 fees. They will be updated when 2026-2027 fees are approved.**

### Tuition

#### Occupational

- \$152.85 per credit (resident)
- \$229.28 per credit (out-of-state resident)

#### Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$192.20 per credit (resident)
- \$288.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

### Student Fees

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$13.76 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received.

Several factors influence the total cost of your degree, including enrollment fees, the number of credits required, textbooks and

equipment. [Financial aid \(https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/\)](https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/) can assist with those costs.

## Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$55,000

## Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Semester 1</b>		
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
150-107	IT Fundamentals 1	3
150-108	IT Fundamentals 2	3
150-191	Principles of Information Security	3
150-192	Network Security Fundamentals	3
890-101	College 101	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
150-193	Network Attacks and Firewalls	3
150-194	Network Defense and Countermeasures	3
152-172	Web Site Security	3
156-102	AI Fundamentals	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
809-166	Introduction to Ethics: Theory and Application	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
150-111	Cloud Infrastructure and Virtualization	3
150-120	Microsoft Servers	3
151-105	Ethical Hacking	3
154-128	Scripting	3
801-197	Technical Reporting	3
Social Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
150-115	Emerging Innovations in Technology	3
150-126	Internet of Things	3
151-110	IT Cybersecurity Capstone	3
Mathematics Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/mathematics/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/mathematics/</a> )		3
Behavioral Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>66</b>

## Program Outcomes

- Identify security strategies
- Implement secure infrastructures
- Conduct security testing
- Analyze security data
- Mitigate risk
- Develop security documentation

## Career Opportunities

- Data Security Administrator
- Information Security Specialist
- Information Technology Security Analyst (IT Security Analyst)
- Network Security Analyst