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CAE-CD Designations

- Four-Year Baccalaureate/Graduate Education (CAE-CDE)
- Two-Year Education (CAE-2Y)
- Research (CAE-R)

All CAE-CD Institutions are:

- Regionally accredited within the United States
- Leaders in Cyber Defense education and the development of the cybersecurity discipline
- Producers of cyber professional from mature programs
- Educating students with curriculum that meet or exceed criteria established by NSA in collaboration with academia, NICE, and the NICE Workforce Framework

CAE-Cybersecurity Designated Institutions

Map includes both institutions in the CAE-Cyber Defense and CAE-Cyber Operations programs.

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