



# Blue Ridge Community College IT & CYBERSECURITY TRAINING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## HAVE AN IT BUSINESS and need trained apprentices or employees?

Blue Ridge Community College is offering a new for 2021 Registered Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Training program that is preparing people for cybersecurity employment. Based on our highly successful two-year GO Virginia Cybersecurity Program, we include exam preparation for CompTIA Security+, training in NIST 800-171 principles, and direct CMMC assessment Levels 1 and 3 job training using industry-recognized software platforms. This grant-funded program is currently offered in-person or fully online and provides interactive, synchronous instruction, cutting-edge online laboratory simulations, mentoring, a Security+ exam voucher, and job training. In addition, we have the resources to get trained employees or apprentices for your business (primarily working in the Shenandoah Valley) with little paperwork and cash grant incentives!

We also offer a wide variety of credit and non-credit courses at the College, including a computer coding boot camp, CompTIA Network+, and two-year degree programs in Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, Secure Networking, and Info System Technology.

Most cyber graduates are US citizens who can successfully obtain clearance. Military veterans are encouraged to apply to our IT programs.

## Employer incentives for new APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

We have teamed up with a workforce intermediary who can assist you with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry registered apprenticeship paperwork. In addition, eligible companies may receive financial incentives for establishing or growing a registered apprenticeship work program.

Please contact Dan OBrien at Blue Ridge Community College for details!

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**<https://www.brcc.edu/academics/programs/cybersecurity/apprenticeship/>**

## OTHER GRANTS & INCENTIVES are available as well

The Virginia Ready grant project provides \$1,000 cash awards upon completion of the course and passing the Security+ exam! In addition, they have grant money available for people who do not qualify for the income-based assistance.

For more information, visit  
**<https://www.brcc.edu/continuing/ce-aid/>**



## GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS Steps to Success

**General Information Technology (IT) education/training plus our time-proven Cybersecurity job preparation training featuring CompTIA Security+**

This Blue Ridge Community College cybersecurity program has been approved by the Virginia State Apprenticeship Agency as the training necessary to be accepted as paid Cybersecurity Technician Apprentices by companies in Virginia. The approval process consists of two parts, General IT education and Security+ certification with apprenticeship job training.

Blue Ridge offers the excellent Google IT Support Professional Certificate program. The class is fully online and may be started any time. It is grant-funded with a fixed price of only \$159.

## GRANT FUNDED COMPTIA SECURITY+ Certification/ Job Training/ Apprenticeship & Job Preparation class:

We are currently training a large cohort that will finish in July of 2021. The next in-person / Live Online course will begin on Tuesday evening, September 28, 2021, and runs for 12 weeks for a total of 70 hours of training.

Virginia residents may easily qualify for FastForward funding for our Cybersecurity Technician Apprenticeship Training with Security+ and job training. This grant pays two-thirds of students' tuition! Also, if people are in one of the income brackets listed below, they will be eligible for G3 grant funding, which will pay the final one-third cost of tuition, making their cost \$0!

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$51,250
2	\$69,680
3	\$87,840
4	\$106,000
5	\$124,160
6	\$142,320

## THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY A Great Place to Work and Live!

In addition to Blue Ridge Community College, several local public and private colleges and training centers provide a range of certifications and college degrees from Associates to Master's level in IT, cybersecurity, coding, and cloud computing.

The valley is only a 90-minute drive to Northern Virginia and is served by an airport that provides daily commercial jet flights to and from Dulles and Chicago. There is also daily train service to and from Alexandria and DC out of nearby Charlottesville, and twice weekly service in Staunton.

The Shenandoah Valley is also home to several state-of-the-art shared office and coworking facilities residing in beautifully renovated, modern/urban facilities, providing high-speed Internet access and other great benefits. In addition, the cost of living and commercial real estate prices are exceptionally reasonable. And, it's a wonderful place to live, work, and raise kids!

We work with economic development representatives from the three major cities, Harrisonburg, and Staunton, and Waynesboro, along with Augusta, Highland, and Rockingham counties. Many offer incentives for tech companies who wish to move to the valley or open satellite offices. Their contact information is below.

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