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Digital Transformation Center announces training and certification opportunities through NCAE-C Grant

Thanks to generous funding from **the National Center for Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (NCAE-C)**, the University of Louisville Digital Transformation Center is offering an exciting opportunity for participants in the Cybersecurity Workforce Program. Participants who complete one of the program's level bundles (Explorer, Practitioner, or Professional) or the Full Program will gain access to up to four selected IT Certification Pathways, which includes training and exam vouchers for **CompTIA certifications**.

Enrollment Options:

- **Veterans and First Responders**:
  Enjoy **full access** to the entire program, which includes all levels of training and up to **four CompTIA certifications** at **no cost**.

- **All Other Applicants**:
  We are extending the opportunity for other participants to earn **CompTIA certification trainings and vouchers** if they enroll in any of the program's **individual levels** or the **full program**. While there is a cost to enroll in the Cybersecurity Workforce Program, certification training and vouchers will be provided at no additional charge upon completion of the chosen level or the full program.

Program Flexibility

Participants can enroll in the entire 50-week program or **select specific levels** based on their career goals. For instance, if someone is only interested in the **Cybersecurity Explorer Level** and **CompTIA A+ certification**, they can enroll in just that section. The program is structured to be **self-paced and fully asynchronous**, allowing participants to complete their training **at their own speed** and potentially earn their certifications even faster.

Program Breakdown (Max 50-Week Suggested Timeline)

- **Cybersecurity Explorer Level (4 weeks)**
  (Introduction to cybersecurity fundamentals)

  → **COMPTIA A+ CERTIFICATION (8 WEEKS)**
  (Foundational skills in hardware, software, and troubleshooting)

- **Cybersecurity Practitioner Level (4 weeks)**
  (Intermediate cybersecurity skills)

→ **CompTIA Network+ Certification (10 weeks)**
(Training on network configuration, management, and security)

- **Cybersecurity Professional Level (3 weeks)**
(Advanced cybersecurity strategies)

→ **CompTIA Cloud+ Certification (10 weeks)**
(Focus on cloud computing environments and security)

- **Cybersecurity Capstone (1 week)**
(Final hands-on project)

→ **CompTIA Security+ Certification (10 weeks)**
(Core security protocols and practices)

Please note: This timeline reflects the **maximum** suggested completion time. The program is **self-paced**, so participants can potentially finish sooner.

Key Benefits

- No cost associated for veterans and first responders

- Industry-recognized credentials (CompTIA Certifications) for all participants who complete a program level or the full program

- Flexible enrollment options to fit your career goals

- A self-paced learning environment

How to Enroll:

For more information and to apply, visit
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/4c086ea190ac4c55ae352b1bf2be502b

About the Cybersecurity Workforce Program and IT Certification Pathways

The **Cybersecurity Workforce Program (CWP)** features a core curriculum with two specialized hands-on labs and assignments for practice in either healthcare or logistics, providing real-world application.

The **IT Certification Pathway (ITCP)** is a targeted training program that prepares students for IT certifications, such as CompTIA.

Both programs are asynchronous and virtual, offering flexibility while providing access to instructors or learning coaches for additional guidance and support.

For additional information, please contact **digtrans@louisville.edu**.