

CCC Board of Education – Topic Summary	
Topic:	Cybersecurity Operations Support AAS
Date:	May 20, 2026
Presenter:	Dean Anne Innis
Division/Department:	Institutional Effectiveness and Planning
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve the new Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree for Cybersecurity Operations Support

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

Board review is required for offerings that are submitted to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Cybersecurity Operations Support AAS degree is explicitly designed as the culmination of a stackable credential pathway, seamlessly encompassing the 57-credit Cybersecurity Operations Foundations Certificate. This structure allows students to gain immediate employability after Year 1 while providing a structured on ramp to the AAS. Furthermore, the program aligns with state workforce development initiatives aimed at retaining local tech talent and building regional cyber resilience, ensuring employers have a dependable, highly trained local workforce capable of protecting regional economic assets.

BUDGET IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CCC's student services infrastructure has been identified as adequate to support the AAS cohort without requiring new service units. This degree will be delivered using existing facilities and infrastructure on the Oregon City campus. Computer Science department labs currently support networking, systems administration, and programming instruction and will continue to serve the Year 2 curriculum without modification to physical layout or hardware inventory. The AAS will be delivered by existing full-time Computer Science faculty with professional experience directly relevant to their teaching assignments.

ATTACHMENTS:

Program Supporting Document Cybersecurity Operations Support AAS, Curriculum Committee Draft Minutes 2026-05-01

FUTURE REPORT:

No future report is planned. However, the Board will be notified of any major changes to this program, such as a program suspension.