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## **El Camino College to Offer New Cybersecurity Certificate Program**

Students at El Camino College will soon be able to enroll in a new cybersecurity program designed to provide education and training needed for jobs in this rapidly growing field.

The cybersecurity class, “Computer Security and Forensics,” will be offered in the fall and will include an overview of online security and threat assessment. A second class titled, “Ethical Hacking,” is in development, along with a certificate program.

Through the ECC certificate program, students will learn about the current state of the internet, web development, networking and cybersecurity issues as they relate to emerging technologies. Discussion topics will include internet security, risk management, network defense, virus attacks, cloud computing and social networking. The certificate is designed to prepare students to enter the cybersecurity field, which works to protect information while securing networks and data from hackers and other online threats.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment in the area of information security is projected to grow at a much faster rate than the average for all occupations through 2024. Research shows that businesses, schools and government institutions need skilled professionals in cybersecurity.

The new cybersecurity certificate is supported by the Strong Workforce Program, a California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office initiative designed to improve the quantity and quality of career and technical education programs that lead to employment opportunities and/or wage increases for students.

The 2016-17 state budget included \$200 million for the Strong Workforce Program, and El Camino College received more than \$1.5 million. Other ECC Strong Workforce Development programs include: automotive, construction technology, film video, manufacturing/machine tool tech, nursing, public safety, radiologic technology, respiratory technology and welding.

El Camino College’s fall 2017 semester begins August 26. For more information about the new cybersecurity program or other El Camino College programs, view the schedule of classes at [www.elcamino.edu](http://www.elcamino.edu).

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