Computer and Information Technology

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The Computer and Information Technology Department offers associate degrees in computer information systems and computer science. Students who earn the computer information systems degree may continue in any of the department's four Bachelor of Technology (BTech) degree programs. The computer science degree program is primarily designed to allow students to transfer into a college that offers a Bachelor of Science degree program in computer science; however, after completing their first year of study, computer science students have the opportunity to transfer into either our computer information systems AAS degree or into one of our four BTech degrees.

The department offers four Bachelor of Technology degree programs in network administration, applications software development, web development, and cyber security. Students may enter these programs as freshmen or transfer in as juniors from related associate degree programs. Articulation agreements have been developed with several community colleges to facilitate transfers. All of our degree programs provide our students with a solid foundation in the four core areas of information technology: application programming, web programming, network administration, and information security. At the end of their sophomore year, students are then allowed to select the BTech degree that best matches their academic interests. Our degrees incorporate the latest technology, including mobile application development, secure software development, life cycle processes, cloud computing, wireless networking, and neural programming. Our programs also stress the soft skills necessary in the working environment by requiring students to take courses in business management, technical writing, speech, business communications, project management, and business accounting.

MISSION

To provide a technical and professional education is provided with dynamic, up-to-date topics and prepare graduates to meet the needs of an increasingly technological society. Our programs also stress the related skills necessary in the working environment by requiring students to take courses in business management, technical writing, speech, business communications, project management, and business accounting.

Brief Overview

The Computer and Information Technology Department offers two associate degrees and four Bachelor of Technology (BTech) degrees. The Computer Science AS program is designed to lead into one of the Electrical engineering technology programs or into one of the four Computer and Information Technology BTech programs with minimal additional courses. The Computer Information Systems AAS degree transfers flawlessly into our BTech degrees.
  The four Bachelor of Technology degree programs include Network Administration, Application Software Development, Web Development, and Cyber Securtiy. Students wo purse a BTech degree are encouraged to earn a minor. The decision of what minor to take can include any that Alfred State offers or take one of the minors that the Computer and Information Technology Department has to offer: Network Administration, Application Software Development, Web Development, and Cyber Securtiy.

FACILITIES

- **Laboratories** - Students are allowed 24-hour access to department laboratories.
  - The application software network and web development labs have 12 CISCO Routers and 12 CISCO Switches along with state-of-the-art computer workstations. Both labs have access to our server farm running a VMware operating system in which we can run hundreds of windows and Linux machines. Students also have access to the Netlab software which supports lab activities to learn many of the CompTIA disciplines, VMware software, Palo-Alto, Juniper, and open-source software.
  - The Cyber Security lab has a dedicated servers and a server farm of its own to practice hackers and admins and other cyber security disciplines. the room also features computer work stations and two high quality wall mounted monitors for use in practicing and researching cyber security

- **Software, certifications, licenses, etc.** - The college has academic licenses for VMWare software products, all Microsoft software, a blade server with 128 gigabytes of RAM and a 12-terabyte storage array, a Cisco Certified Academy, three Cisco-certified instructors, Cisco Adaptive Security firewalls, Juniper application firewalls, Juniper routers, Juniper SSL VPN concentrators and an Oracle blade server, a certified Juniper academy and VMWare IT academy, an academic license with Oracle, Adobe Creative Suite 6.0, a dedicated systems lab used for microcomputer configuration, and a Pearson VUE, Prometric and Certified Internet Web Professional certification testing center.

Academies and Other Academic Sources

The department has access to several academies that the students can explore including CISCO, Palo-Alto Security, Juniper, VMware, and open-source. Alfred State has the only student community for Palo-Alto: Fuel Palo-Alto networks.

The Computer and Information Technology Department maintains several professional affliations including the Association of Computerized Machinery (ACM), the National Support Center for Systems Security and Information Assurance (CSSIA), the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS), Northeast Collegiate Cyber Defense League (NECCDL), and more.

Certifications

The department highly encourages and supports students to obtain professional certifications through an industry sponsored exams. In addition to course work, the Department sponsors courses which prepare candidates to be successful.

The Alfred State Certification Center is open for students to sit for their certification exam. The Center hosts all the Pearson Vue tests and Prometric: Automotive Service of Excellence. The student has access through Alfred State College to have a discount on CompTIA study material, practice tests and certification tests and includes A+, Sec+ and Network+.

Please note: All entering students must purchase a windows laptop computer. All the Computer Information and Technology disciplines are all Microsoft based. Apple computers are highly encouraged in this department.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

- Computer Information Systems (AAS)

- Computer Science (AS)
- Cyber Security (BTech)
- Information Technology: Applications Software Development (BTech)
- Information Technology: Network Administration (BTech)
- Information Technology: Web Development (BTech)