

## **FAQs: Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) - Cybersecurity**

### **How do I know if cybersecurity is a good career path for me?**

Cybersecurity is a great option for people who are comfortable with technology and inquisitive by nature. Many professionals in this field say that they explore technology (such as programming, software, technical tools, etc.) in their free time. If you like complex problem solving and don't give up easily, cybersecurity may be a good career path for you!

### **How do I qualify for enrollment in the BAT?**

To qualify for admission in the BAT-Cybersecurity degree, you must already hold an associate-level degree (or higher) in cybersecurity or information security. You apply through the Collin College website.

### **How many credit hours are in the BAT degree?**

Technically, the BAT-Cybersecurity degree is 120 credit hours; however, this includes the 60 credit hours that you completed with your associate degree in cybersecurity/information security. Once you've enrolled in the BAT-Cybersecurity program, you will complete 60 credit hours of coursework: 33 credit hours of upper-level cybersecurity classes and 27 credit hours of general education core curriculum. The BAT is a completion degree so it is only for students with a minimum of an earned associates in cybersecurity/information security.

### **Is the tuition rate the same for the BAT degree as it is for associate-level classes?**

Yes, the tuition rate for our associate and baccalaureate degrees are the same. In-county residents can expect to pay \$52/credit hour and Texas residents who live outside of Collin County will pay \$98/credit hour. Out-of-state/country residents will pay \$165/credit hour. Keep in mind that these costs are effective for the 2019-2020 school year and do not include activity fees or the cost of text books, etc.

### **How long will it take me to complete the BAT degree?**

If you strictly follow the defined degree plan, you should be able to complete the BAT-Cybersecurity in two years (provided you start the program with 60 credit hours).

### **I received my AAS in Cybersecurity from Collin College in 2018 and have not taken academic courses there since. What do I need to do to enroll in the BAT program?**

Reapply to Collin College. Be sure to submit ALL of your official transcripts. After we've conducted an audit of your degree, you will be invited to attend a mandatory orientation. Next, you will be notified of admission into the program and provided registration information. Keep in mind that seats are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **I got my cybersecurity degree 10 years ago. Am I eligible to enroll in the BAT?**

Yes. However, you may need to complete leveling courses from the AAS degree in order to refresh your knowledge and skill set.



**I have a bachelor's degree from another university. Can I enroll in the BAT?**

That depends. Several factors determine your eligibility, including: The kind of baccalaureate degree you received, the number of credits that transfer, and whether or not you have completed the prerequisites. All of this will be addressed at the BAT Information Sessions and during the admission process.

**How are the BAT courses delivered?**

BAT courses are offered in-person at this time. Many of the security and cyber courses occur during evening hours to accommodate the schedules of students who work.

**Will my industry certifications and/or relevant work experience count toward the BAT?**

The college does not currently award credit for relevant experience or industry credentials. However, there is an initiative to develop a protocol for Prior Learning Assessments (PLA) so that experience can be converted into credits upon proof of knowledge/skill.

**I received my degree from a university outside of the U.S. Will those credits be applied toward my enrollment in the BAT?**

No, Collin College is not authorized to accept transfer credits from academic institutions outside of the United States.

**I am an international student with a cybersecurity degree. Can I enroll in the BAT?**

Yes. For more information, please contact the International Student Office.

**I am still in high school. Can I enroll in the BAT?**

No. High school students should select *AAS-Information Systems Cybersecurity* when applying to the college. Students who hold college degrees should choose *Pre-BAT in Cybersecurity*.

**I do not hold a college degree. Can I enroll in the BAT?**

No, but you can enroll in the Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems Cybersecurity, which is the prerequisite for admission into the BAT-Cybersecurity. Please go to [www.collin.edu](http://www.collin.edu) and begin the admission process today!

**Will my less-than-perfect background impact my ability to get a job in cybersecurity?**

This is hard to say for certain. Realize that due to the confidential nature of their work, cybersecurity professionals undergo rigorous background checks.

Questions? Contact: [GoCyber@collin.edu](mailto:GoCyber@collin.edu) or 972-377-1501