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Tampa-based National Center for Cyber Studies offers full-ride scholarships to area veterans to train for cyber jobs

Qualified veterans can train for high skill, high paying cybersecurity careers with the groundbreaking CYBER FOUNDATIONS pilot program at no cost for the courses developed by the National Center for Cyber Studies

The National Center for Cyber Studies will offer full-tuition scholarships for Center courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level to qualified Tampa area veterans to enroll in the online Cyber Foundations pilot program scheduled to begin March 2, 2015. The program is offered jointly with Saint Leo University. The registration deadline is Feb. 25, 2015.

“Thanks to the State of Florida and the Department of Economic Opportunity, we have the funding to offer full scholarships to qualified veterans for the courses we’ve developed,” says Michael F. Shapiro, Executive Director of the National Cyber Partnership, the parent organization of the National Center for Cyber Studies.

Rick Michaels, CEO of the National Cyber Partnership, adds, “It is extremely satisfying to offer veterans—those who have given so much—the scholarship support to train for good jobs in the growing cyber field.”

The Center’s fast track, online CYBER FOUNDATIONS training program builds upon the highly regarded Information Security and Information Security Management Certificate Programs already in place at Saint Leo University, the second largest provider of academic degree programs for military personnel in the United States and around the world under Department of Defense contract. The new scholarship covers the Center’s

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courses; qualified veterans can utilize VA benefits and other financial aid sources towards the Saint Leo University portion of the program.

The CYBER FOUNDATIONS pilot program is an extraordinary opportunity offering students 'next generation' real-world training by top-notch instructors with fieldcraft experience such as the internationally recognized counterterrorism expert, professor and author Amos Guiora.

“The idea of putting together likeminded individuals who are concerned about cybersecurity, cybercrime—but from distinct fields, not pushing any particular agenda other than education and protection—I think that makes it very unique,” says Guiora, Distinguished Fellow, National Center for Cyber Studies.

Students also get the chance for hands on exposure through mentorships with area businesses and organizations as well as guidance on transitioning to the civilian work world from TEKsystems, a leading information technology provider of contract services and direct job placement.

Before students receive a CYBER FOUNDATIONS certificate of completion, they will pass an industry certification exam from (ISC)² or CompTIA, leading industry certifying bodies. Students will receive a voucher towards the cost of the exam.

CYBER FOUNDATIONS is a new model for cybersecurity education created by the not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) public-private National Cyber Partnership and is sponsored by the National Cyber Partnership and the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity.

For more information and to register for the training program, go to:
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