Cybersecurity Certificate

The need for Cybersecurity professionals is rapidly growing. Nearly every government, military, financial institution, medical establishment, and viable businesses collect, process, and store confidential information in databases. Cyber-attacks and digital spying can take many forms, including high visibility and very damaging offenses such as data breaches, phishing, and identity theft. Attacks can take place within databases, while data is processed, or when it is transmitted across networks. In the world of today, cyber-attacks may be a greater threat than terrorism.

The Graduate Certificate Program in Cybersecurity delivered cooperatively among North Dakota State University (NDSU), the University of North Dakota (UND), and Minot State University (MSU). Regardless of their home campus, enrolled students will take fully online courses from all three institutions. Students will learn best practices, new technology, and research in Cybersecurity.

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