



Good morning,

My name is Steve Olson, and I work as the Cybersecurity Program Representative at UNC Charlotte. I'm looking for qualified applicants to consider our free, grant-funded, 1-year Cybersecurity program. Specifically, I'm trying to reach out to veterans that may be interested in education opportunities that could lead to jobs in Cybersecurity, or to upskill in their current role..

Our training is **no-cost**, and is offered through a collaboration of Purdue University Northwest, Ivy Tech Community College, University of North Carolina Charlotte and University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

There are three cybersecurity training options to choose from: **System Administration, Artificial Intelligence, or Digital Forensics**. Additionally, each program participant will have the potential to earn up to three industry recognized certifications. Live virtual instruction and the cost of certifications are covered by the grant.

Selection preference will be given to individuals from the military – past and present, as well as first responders – law enforcement officers, rescue personnel, fire fighters, etc. who are seeking upskilling in their current career or looking to transition to a new field. Underrepresented groups including women, minorities and socio-economically disadvantaged individuals who are not military or first responders will be eligible on a space-available basis.

All qualified applicants will need to take an online Math, English and entry-level IT proficiency assessment to complete the admission process. Targeted, individualized tutoring and participant support are available to pass the assessments, as needed.

Please visit the consortium website at www.cwct.us for more information. We look forward to your questions.

For more information or for any questions, please contact myself, Steve Olson at solson10@uncc.edu. I'm happy to set up a phone call or zoom meeting to talk a bit more about the program.

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