Computer Forensics and Security Specialist (CF51)
Certificate eMap

This eMap, along with regular meetings with your program advisor and using DegreeWorks, will help you remain on track to finish your program as quickly as possible and graduate from Georgia Northwestern Technical College. This eMap is intended to be used when beginning the program in Fall semester. Starting the program in Spring or Summer semesters may alter the suggested courses or course availability. This pathway is based on the 2024-2025 academic year.

1st set of suggested courses

Course		Hours	Completed
CIST xxxx	CIST Operating Systems Course (Recommended course: CIST 2431, UNIX/Linux Introduction)	4	☐
CIST 1001	Computer Concepts	4	☐
CIST 1122	Hardware Installation and Maintenance	4	☐
CIST 1601	Information Security Fundamentals	3	☐

2nd set of suggested courses

Course		Hours	Completed
CIST 2612	Computer Forensics (Prerequisite: CIST 1122 and CIST 1601)	4	☐
CIST 2451	Introduction to Networks – CISCO	4	☐
CIST 2602	Network Security (Prerequisite: CIST 1601)	4	☐
CIST 2601	Implementing Operating Systems Security (Prerequisite: CIST 1601)	4	☐

CIST 2451 is the recommended course. Additional courses may be available to meet this requirement. See Course Catalog for more info.

Total Credit Hours: 30 Minimum Credit Hours Required to Complete Certificate

Computer Forensics and Security Certificate Program Planning Notes:

- Courses for this program are available at the Catoosa County Campus, Floyd County Campus, Gordon County Campus, Walker County Campus, and also available 100% online.
- ALL CIST programs require windows-based PC.
- Chromebooks and Mac and Linux based computers are not compatible with programs.
- All CIST courses are valid for a period of 5 years after completion.
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- CIST 1510 and CIST 2531 require an Adobe Creative Cloud subscription

Additional information for the Computer Forensics and Security Certificate and program requirements can be found at GNTC 2024-2025 Catalog.