

A LUCRATIVE, SECURE COMPUTING CAREER: COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAN TAKE YOU THERE

IN HIGH SCHOOL?

- Take any available math, technology and computer science classes
- Get involved in extracurricular tech activities, if you can
- Meet with advisors and counselors to map out an education plan

IN THE MILITARY?

- Meet with counselors and campus VA specialists to plan your education
- Look into GI benefits
- Apply for admission to college

IN THE WORKFORCE?

- Seek advice on education career goals from mentors or community college advisors
- Investigate employer tuition benefits
- Upgrade skills with certificate and degree programs in technology

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Take a variety of math, technology and computer science classes
- Map out possible careers with advisors
- Find mentors who can help you prepare for your career goals
- Identify a peer group to support you through your studies
- Choose a major that meets your interests and prepares you for the workforce
- Look into industry certificates
- Find internships and extracurricular activities that give you real-world experience

THE COMPUTING WORKFORCE

- High pay
- Plentiful jobs
- Creative work that makes a difference

Sample Job Titles with a 2-year degree or technical certification ...	2012 Average Annual Wage
Environmental Engineering Technician	\$45,350
Computer Support / Help Desk Specialist	\$46,420
Electro-mechanical Technicians	\$51,820
Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technicians	\$61,530
Web Developer / Web Site Manager	\$62,500

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>