



## CISE SECURITY PROGRAM

AT MERRITT COLLEGE



### Cyber Security Program - Internship

The internship is a graduation requirement for both program areas (Certificate of Achievement and Associate Science Degree). The internship is COPED 469 Occupational Work Experience in Security Administration and the course for supervised employment. Students must earn a total of 3 units in COPED 469. It is designed to assist students with the acquisition of career awareness, work habits, attitudes and related skills to the college major—Applications and/or Infrastructure Security.

Given our program history, our students generally accrue the 3 units during one internship. Internships will vary based on student’s experience/skills and employer start and ending dates of employment. Check with your COPED 469 instructor regarding registration and class logistics.

Ideally students starting program fall term complete the following course sequence to acquire eligibility. Internship eligibility requires successful completion of a minimum of 3 core program courses, i.e.:

1. CIS 5, 71 or 72, plus 55 and 60 or
2. CIS 6, 71 or 72, plus 55 and 60 or
3. CIS 7, 71 or 72, plus 55 and 60.

Should you begin the program spring term, consideration will be given when students complete other core program courses outside of the suggested curriculum sequence!

Interns will need to project the total number of hours they will work, i.e. 15 hours worked per week X 17 weeks = 255 total hours. To earn work experience credit towards your certificate and/or associate degree in either Applications and/or Infrastructure Security you must complete 3 units of COPED 469 Occupational Work Experience in Security Administration. Each unit equates as:

- 1 unit = 75 paid or 60 nonpaid hours
- 2 units = 150 paid or 120 nonpaid hours
- 3 units = 225 paid or 180 nonpaid hours
- 4 units = 300 paid or 240 nonpaid hours

Internships may be “Paid” or “Nonpaid” depending on student’s skills and work history. A 3-unit section of COPED 469 will be offered each term (Fall, Spring, Summer). **KEY: Do not register for COPED 469 until you have a confirmed internship offer!** Check class schedule for section code. Summer session class may vary, so check with COPED Instructor for correct section code!

Units	Paid Work Hours	Nonpaid Work Hours
3	225 hours	180 hours

For further questions, please contact COPED 469 Instructor list in semester class schedule.