



**National Centers of Academic Excellence in
Cyber Defense Education**

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Dr. Jiang:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated West Chester University of Pennsylvania as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education. This designation covers academic years 2014 through 2020.

West Chester University of Pennsylvania, however, does not meet Focus Area requirements in the concentrations of Network Security Administration and Secure Cloud Computing at this time due to the lack of demonstrated course materials for these topics. Detailed feedback will be provided.

Your ability to meet the increasing demands of the program criteria will serve the nation well in contributing to the protection of the National Information Infrastructure. The Presidents' National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, February 2003, and the International Strategy for Cyberspace, May 2011, addresses the critical shortage of professionals with these skills and highlights the importance of higher education as a solution to defending America's cyberspace. "Like all nations, the United States has a compelling interest in defending its vital national assets, as well as our core principles and values, and we are committed to defending against those who would attempt to impede our ability to do so." Education is the key to promoting these ideals.

We appreciate your participation in this program and look forward to presenting your certificate at a formal ceremony in June 2015.

Sincerely,

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Karen Leuschner
National CAE Program Manager, NSA