



# STEM Renaissance Pathway Brief

## COMPUTING & CYBERSECURITY



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# Computing & Cybersecurity

The Louisiana computing and cybersecurity pathway allows students to engage in a program of study that combines computer science, cybersecurity, and mathematics through project based learning. Students will be able to apply computational thinking techniques in many different STEM disciplines and demonstrate proficiency in computing in many settings. Students will explore the implications of technology usage in social interactions, learn how to protect systems from possible cyberattacks, and create interactive websites and applications. Students will discuss the ethics of advancements in robotics and artificial intelligence as they consider the value of true autonomous devices. They will build complex systems capable of multiple sensory inputs and advanced logic structures. Pathway coursework prepares TOPS University and Jump Start TOPS Tech diploma seeking students to compete in the 21st century by immersing them in the fundamentals of the field, as well as its impacts and applications in the workplace.

## College and Career Connections

*Finding high-wage career opportunities directly out of high school can be challenging. It typically requires advanced capstone credentials accompanied by work experience and/or apprenticeships in the field of study.*

| High School to Career   | Community/ technical College to Career  | University to Career  |
|---|---|---|
| Audio/Visual Support<br>IT Support Specialist<br>Junior Computer Programmer<br>Web Designer | Computer Forensic Analyst<br>Computer Programmer<br>Data Security/ Data Analyst<br>IT Auditor | AI Specialist<br>Computer Engineer<br>Cybersecurity Analyst<br>Security Informatics |

**\*\*The STEM Renaissance Pathways must be used for students entering grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and future cohorts. The archived Louisiana STEM Pathway briefs must be followed for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 in the 2024-2025 school year. Email [STEM@la.gov](mailto:STEM@la.gov) with any questions.**

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# Capstone Credentials

In order to graduate, Jump Start students must earn at least one credential from the options below.

\*Please contact the individual providers to confirm if provider specific courses are structured to offer the credential.

| INDUSTRY BASED CREDENTIALS: Depending on student course completion |                                  |   |
|--|----------------------------------|---|
| CIW Network Technology Associate                                   | CIW Web Development Professional | HTML, CSS, Javascript   |
| CIW Javascript Specialist  | Comp TIA A+ Certification        | Fundamentals of JavaScript, Functional Programming, and Web Development (Level 1) |
| CIW Database Design Specialist                                     | Comp TIA IT Fundamentals         | Fundamentals of JavaScript, Functional Programming, and Web Development (Level 2) |
| CIW Web Security Specialist  | Comp TIA Network + Certification | Fundamentals of JavaScript, Functional Programming, and Web Development (Level 3) |
| CIW Web Design Professional  | Comp TIA Security +              | PYTHON Certification  |

## STEM Renaissance Computing & Cybersecurity Pathway Structure

To earn the **Silver STEM Diploma Seal** students must pass one course from each of the four following concentration areas: Introductory Course, Computational Thinking Principles, Introductory Cybersecurity, and a Silver Computing Focal Course. (These course options are listed on the following chart.)

To earn the **Gold STEM Diploma Seal** students must complete the requirements for the Silver STEM Diploma Seal, pass three Computer Science courses from the approved STEM Pathway listing, and pass an additional Math or Science course. (These course options are listed on the following chart.)

To complete the **TOPS Tech Diploma** students must complete the Gold STEM Diploma Seal requirements and one course from the approved Career Readiness Course list.

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## Computing & Cybersecurity STEM Pathway Course Options

| Concentration Area   | Course Code | Course Title  | Carnegie Credits |
|--|-------------|---|------------------|
| To earn the <b>Silver STEM Diploma Seal</b> students <u>must</u> pass one course from each of the four following concentration areas: Introductory Course, Computational Thinking Principles, Introductory Cybersecurity, and a Silver Computing Focal Course. |             |   |                  |
| <b>Introductory Course (Select 1)</b>  | 061100      | PLTW Computer Science Essentials <b>OR</b>                                  | 1                |
|  | 061179      | Survey of Computer Science (LSU Partnership)                                | 1                |
| <b>Focus 1: Computational Thinking Principles (Select 1)</b>   | 061177      | AP Computer Science Principles <b>OR</b>                                    | 1                |
|  | 040221      | Cyber Literacy (NICERC Partnership) <b>OR</b>                               | 1                |
|  | 061140      | Introduction to Computational Thinking (LSU Partnership)                    | 1                |
| <b>Focus 2: Introductory Cybersecurity (select 1)</b>  | 040217      | Cybersecurity (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>                                   | 1                |
|  | 040224      | Cybersecurity (Cyber.org Partnership) <b>OR</b>                             | 1                |
|  | 040209      | PLTW Cybersecurity  | 1                |
| <b>Focus 3: Computing Focal Course (Select 1)</b>  | 080520      | Advanced Javascript, Programing, and Web Development <b>OR</b>              | 1                |
|  | 080505      | CIW Database Design <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 040519      | CIW E-Commerce Site Design and Development <b>OR</b>                        | 1                |
|  | 040517      | CIW essentials of Web Design <b>OR</b>                                      | 1                |
|  | 040405      | CIW Internet Business <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 061125      | CIW Introduction to Javascript <b>OR</b>                                    | 1                |
|  | 061121      | CIW Network Security <b>OR</b>  | 1                |
|  | 061120      | CIW Networking Technology <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 061126      | CIW Pearl Fundamentals <b>OR</b>  | 1                |
|  | 040415      | CIW Website Development <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 061130      | COMP TIA+ Fundamentals of Computer Installation and Configuration <b>OR</b> | 1                |
|  | 061122      | COMP TIA+ Networking Fundamentals <b>OR</b>                                 | 1                |
|  | 061127      | COMP TIA+ Programming with PL/SQL <b>OR</b>                                 | 1                |
|  | 061138      | COMP TIA+ Security <b>OR</b>  | 1                |
|  | 080523      | Fundamentals of HTML, CSS, and Javascript                                   | 1                |

| Additional Course Options  | Course Code                                      | Course Title  | Carnegie Credits |
|--|--|---|------------------|
| <p>To earn the <b>Gold STEM Diploma Seal</b> students <b>must complete the requirements for the Silver STEM Diploma Seal</b>, pass three Computer Science courses from the approved STEM Pathway listing, and pass an additional Math or Science course.</p> |  |   |                  |
| <b>Computer Science Options (Select 3)</b>   | 061177   | AP Computer Science A <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 061175   | AP Computer Science Principles <b>OR</b>                                    | 1                |
|  | 080520   | Advanced Javascript, Programming, and Web Development <b>OR</b>             | 1                |
|  | 080202   | CDF - Qualifying CTE Internship I <b>OR</b>                                 | 1                |
|  | 080505   | CIW Database Design <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 040519   | CIW E-Commerce Site Design and Development <b>OR</b>                        | 1                |
|  | 040517   | CIW Essentials of Web Design <b>OR</b>                                      | 1                |
|  | 040405   | CIW Internet Business <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 061125   | CIW Introduction to Javascript <b>OR</b>                                    | 1                |
|  | 061121   | CIW Network Security <b>OR</b>  | 1                |
|  | 061120   | CIW Networking Technology <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 061126   | CIW Pearl Fundamentals <b>OR</b>  | 1                |
|  | 040415   | CIW Website Development <b>OR</b>   | 1                |
|  | 040244   | Coding for the Web (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>                              | 1                |
|  | 061130   | COMP TIA+ Fundamentals of Computer Installation and Configuration <b>OR</b> | 1                |
|  | 061122   | COMP TIA+ Networking Fundamentals <b>OR</b>                                 | 1                |
|  | 061127   | COMP TIA+ Programming with PL/SQL <b>OR</b>                                 | 1                |
|  | 061138   | COMP TIA+ Security <b>OR</b>  | 1                |
|  | 110850   | Computer Integrated Manufacturing <b>OR</b>                                 | 1                |
|  | 040221   | Cyber Literacy I (NICERC Partnership) <b>OR</b>                             | 1                |
|  | 040222   | Cyber Literacy II (NICERC Partnership) <b>OR</b>                            | 1                |
|  | 040218   | Cyber Society (NICERC Partnership) <b>OR</b>                                | 1                |
|  | 080532   | Data Analysis and Manipulation (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>                  | 1                |
| 040241   | Digital Storytelling (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b> | 1   |                  |
| 150740   | First Robotics I <b>OR</b>                       | 1   |                  |

| <b>Computer Science elective course options continued.</b>                            |         |  |   |
|---|---------|--|---|
|   | 150750  | First Robotics II <b>OR</b>  | 1 |
|   | 080523  | Fundamentals of HTML, CSS, and Javascript <b>OR</b>                  | 1 |
|   | 061180  | Interactive Computing (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>                    | 1 |
|   | 0611140 | Introduction to Computational Thinking (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>   | 1 |
|   | 080500  | Introduction to Programming <b>OR</b>                                | 1 |
|   | 144300  | Programming for Engineers (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>                | 1 |
|   | 150780  | Robotics (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>                                 | 1 |
|   | 150731  | Robotics Advanced (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>                        | 1 |
|   | 061179  | Survey of Computer Science (LSU Partnership) <b>OR</b>               | 1 |
|   | 080022  | Video Game Design (LSU Partnership)                                  | 1 |
| <b>Math <u>OR</u> Science course students should select <u>ONE</u> course option.</b> |         |  |   |
| <b>Math <u>OR</u> Science course (select 1)</b>                                       | 160347  | Advanced Math- Functions and Statistics <b>OR</b>                    | 1 |
|   | 160346  | Advanced Math- Pre-Calculus <b>OR</b>                                | 1 |
|   | 160501  | Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus: DE-CMAT 1223 Trigonometry <b>OR</b>      | 1 |
|   | 150307  | Biology II: AP Biology <b>OR</b>                                     | 1 |
|   | 160327  | AP Calculus AB <b>OR</b>   | 1 |
|   | 160328  | AP Calculus BC <b>OR</b>   | 1 |
|   | 150410  | AP Chemistry <b>OR</b>   | 1 |
|   | 150311  | AP Environmental Science <b>OR</b>                                   | 1 |
|   | 150794  | AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism <b>OR</b>                    | 1 |
|   | 150795  | AP Physics C: Mechanics <b>OR</b>                                    | 1 |
|   | 150724  | Physics I: AP Physics I- Algebra Based <b>OR</b>                     | 1 |
|   | 150725  | Physics: AP Physics II- Calculus Based <b>OR</b>                     | 1 |
|   | 222004  | AP Psychology <b>OR</b>  | 1 |
|   | 160352  | AP Statistics <b>OR</b>  | 1 |
|   | 150321  | Biology: DE CBIO 1013 General Biology I <b>OR</b>                    | 1 |
|   | 150322  | Biology I: DE CBIO 1033 General Biology I (Science Majors) <b>OR</b> | 1 |
|   | 150302  | Biology II <b>OR</b>   | 1 |

| <b>Math OR Science course options continued.</b> |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| 150324   | Biology II: DE CBIO 1033 General Biology I (Science Majors) <b>OR</b>      | 1 |
| 150326   | Biology II: DE CBIO 1043 General Biology II (Science Majors) <b>OR</b>     | 1 |
| 149995   | Biology II: DE CBIO 2103 Microbiology <b>OR</b>                            | 1 |
| 160506   | Calculus DE CMAT 2113-5 Calculus I <b>OR</b>                               | 1 |
| 160507   | Calculus DE CMAT 2123-5 Calculus II <b>OR</b>                              | 1 |
| 150414   | Chemistry I: DE CCEM 1103 Chemistry I <b>OR</b>                            | 1 |
| 150322   | Chemistry I: DE CCEM 1123 General Chemistry I (Science Majors) <b>OR</b>   | 1 |
| 150402   | Chemistry II <b>OR</b>   | 1 |
| 150420   | Chemistry II: DE CCEM 1123 General Chemistry II (Science Majors) <b>OR</b> | 1 |
| 150422   | Chemistry II: DE CCEM 1133 General Chemistry II (Science Majors) <b>OR</b> | 1 |
| 150914   | Environmental Science DE- CEVS 1103 <b>OR</b>                              | 1 |
| 225011   | Introduction to Psychology CPSY 2013 <b>OR</b>                             | 1 |
| 150726   | Physics I: DE CPHY 2113 Physics I (Algebra/Trig Based) <b>OR</b>           | 1 |
| 150728   | Physics I: DE CPHY 2113 Physics I (Calculus Based) <b>OR</b>               | 1 |
| 150701   | Physics II <b>OR</b>   | 1 |
| 160348   | Pre-Calculus <b>OR</b>   | 1 |
| 160349   | Probability and Statistics <b>OR</b>                                       | 1 |
| 160356   | Probability and Statistics: DE CMAT 1303 <b>OR</b>                         | 1 |
| 222001   | Psychology   | 1 |

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