ABOUT US

XLR8 - Lynchburg Regional Governor's STEM Academy – is the 16th regional Governor's STEM Academy offering programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (subjects known collectively as "STEM") for high school juniors and seniors in Virginia's Central Virginia region.

Located on the campus of Central Virginia Community College - XLR8 offers academic and technical training related to careers in engineering, mechatronics, biotechnology, health science, and cybersecurity.

MATRICULATION

CVCC

Embry-Riddle University

George Mason University

James Madison University

Liberty University

Old Dominion University

Mary Washington University

Radford University

Randolph College

Sweet Briar College

University of Alabama

University of Kentucky

University of Lynchburg

UNC-Charlotte

University of North Dakota

University of Virginia

UVA-Wise

VCU

Virginia Military Institute

Virginia Tech



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XLR8 STEM ACADEMY



PROGRAM INFORMATION







QUICK FACTS

The STEM Academy is housed on the campus of Central VA Community College (CVCC).

All STEM Academy students are Dual enrolled students at CVCC.

Students can earn up to 44 college credits for their classes.

Students can earn up to two Career Studies Certificates from CVCC.

STEM Academy classes are weighted courses for grade point average (GPA) calculations on base school transcripts.

Parents/Guardians or student must provide transportation to internship locations in the spring of senior year.

STEM Academy operates during the morning hours from 8:00 am - 11:00 am.

Students are eligible to enroll in additional coursework at CVCC.

STEM Academy is a partnership between CVCC, all five public school divisions, higher education, and local business and industry leaders.



OUR CURRICULUM

Junior Year-Mechatronics/Biotech/Health

- Intro to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering
- Precalculus I & II
- Applied Calculus I & Statistics
- College Chemistry/College Biology
- Student Success Skills



Senior Year-Mechatronics

- Blueprint Reading
- Industrial Safety-OSHA 10
- Digital Electronics
- Applied Calculus I & Statistics
- Calculus I & Calculus II
- College Physics
- Internship



Senior Year-Biotech/Health Science

- Medical Terminology I
- Digital Electronics (Biotech)
- Principles of Psychology or Developmental Psychology (Health)
- Applied Calculus I & Statistics
- Calculus I and Calculus II
- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Internship





OUR CURRICULUM

Junior Year-Cybersecurity

- PC Hardware and OS Architecture
- Intro to Network Concepts
- Software Design
- Network Security Basics
- Precalculus I & II
- Applied Calculus I & Statistics
- Student Success Skills



Senior Year-Cybersecurity

- Network Attacks, Computer Crime and Hacking
- Legal Topics in Network Security
- Applied Calculus I & Statistics
- Calculus I and Calculus II
- College Physics
- Internship

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

All instructors at the STEM Academy are CVCC college professors.

Students enjoy more freedoms and are responsible for their own learning and time management.

Multidisciplinary connections between science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health science are emphasized.

Students learn critical thinking, creativity, innovation and real-world problem solving skills through hands-on, project-based learning.

Students are able to meet and network with local business and industry leaders.

Students are able to participate in a semester-long internship experience with a local company.