

# ETHAN CONNER

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Undergraduate Research Assistant

*Tarleton State University*

August 2024 – May 2025

*Stephenville, TX*

- Contributed to the development of a model written in C and CUDA to visualize data.
- Presented research findings at academic conferences and seminars.

### Bioinformaticist

*Texas A&M Agrilife*

May 2024 – February 2025

*Stephenville, TX*

- Implemented Bash scripts to automatize analyzing DNA sequence reads using terminal-based bioinformatics tools.
- Built and managed multiple lab computers and ensured accuracy and integrity of sequencing for publication results.

### Patient Access Specialist

*Surepoint - Emergency Center*

February 2023 – Present

*Stephenville, TX*

- Primary contact for patients entering the ER. This included using a customer relationship management system.
- Processed and organized patient records using electronic health record systems, and managed financial transactions.

### Acting Center Management

*Mathnasium*

October 2021 – January 2023

*Hurst, TX*

- Management experience at tutoring facility K-12.

### Cybersecurity Intern

*RedKnight*

April 2025 – Present

*Mineral Wells, TX*

- Created documentation to guide interns in effectively using common security tools and software.
- Deployed virtual machines on the network to simulate traffic for the in-house intrusion detection system (IDS).

## PROJECTS

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### N-Body Simulations of Microplastic Removal Using Polymers | C, CUDA

August 2024 – May 2025

- Co-developed and optimized a CUDA-based N-body simulation of microplastic-polymer interactions with real-time 3D visualization using OpenGL, boosting performance and user engagement.
- Helped design an interface and collaborated with a team to align the tool with project goals and user needs.

### Capstone - Botnet Traffic Detection Analysis Program | Python

January 2025 – May 2025

- Co-developed a PyQt6-based GUI application for botnet detection using machine learning and neural networks on the CTU-13 dataset.
- Improved usability and accessibility by integrating a PyQt6 GUI for dataset upload, algorithm selection, training, and real-time analysis.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** Python, C, Bash

**Developer Tools:** Git, Visual Studio, Linux, VS Code

**Libraries:** Cryptography, Sklearn, Matplotlib, NumPy, Pandas, PyQt6, CUDA

**Personal:** Communication, IT foundation, documentation, willingness to learn

## CERTIFICATIONS

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**Basic Life Support(BLS)** Expires: February 2027

## EDUCATION

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**Tarrant County Community College** - GPA: 4.0

Hurst, TX

*August 2021 – December 2022*

- 36 credit hours completed
- Phi Theta Kappa (honor society)
- Vice president of award winning Chemistry Club and treasurer of the Infinity Math Club

**Tarleton State University** - GPA: 3.84

Stephenville, TX

*January 2023 – May 2025*

- B.S. in Cybersecurity, minor in mathematics
- Vice President of Tarleton Mathematics Club and Vice President of Tarleton Computer Society
- Notable Achievements: President's List 3 times; Tarleton RIED Symposium 1st Place 2025, Capstone 3rd Place