



CMMC Certified Assessor



Training Program Evaluations and References

The ecfirst DoD CMMC Ecosystem



Achieve CMMC Certification





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I initially engaged ecfirst, to provide approved CMMC Certified Professional (CCP) to me and some of my compliance team. I couldn't be more satisfied with the experience. *The training was comprehensive and engaging, providing me with the knowledge and skills I needed to successfully achieve my CCP certification.* The resources they provided after the training were invaluable, offering continued support and guidance as I prepared for the exam. I continued my CMMC journey with ecfirst by taking their approved CMMC Certified Assessor (CCA) training. Again, the people, the content, and the resources were outstanding. The instructor was not only very knowledgeable about the content but had real-world assessment experience and fielded all types of challenging questions from the class. I am in the process of studying for the CCA exam, but have a high degree of confidence about passing using the resources, especially the practice exam portal that ecfirst provides.

I was so impressed with the quality of the training and the dedication of the instructor that I decided to hire ecfirst to provide consulting services for my company, which is a Registered Provider Organization (RPO). *Their expertise and commitment to excellence have made a significant impact on our organization and our ability to provide CMMC readiness services to our customers.* I am confident that partnering with ecfirst was one of the best decisions we've made.

I highly recommend ecfirst to anyone seeking top-notch CMMC training and consulting services. I will also be highly recommending to our CMMC customers that are seeking certification to select ecfirst as their C3PAO. They truly go above and beyond to ensure their clients' success.

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Class diversity

Instructor explained very well

Great real-world scenarios provided

Love the ecfirst CCP Academy Portal

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CCA References

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The ecfirst CCP Academy Portal is wonderful

Really gained key insight into areas

Outstanding course by ecfirst!

Materials were great

“This CCP course was great and really helped to fill in the gaps since I got my RP. I do feel I will be able to study with the content provided and the quizzes to pass the CCP exam. *Outstanding course by ecfirst! Really gained key insight into areas I needed a better understanding of with regards to CMMC.* Great real-world scenarios provided. Mike Turpin was an outstanding instructor I would recommend him and hope he is teaching CCA! Love the ecfirst CCP Academy Portal - lots of content. Overall rating of the CCP Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor:10.”

“*Mike's knowledge; class diversity; materials were great.* Solid program. Instructor explained very well. Overall rating of the CCP Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor:10.”

“*Mike was honest, transparent, and knowledgeable.* He answered all our questions with great detail and explained things thoroughly and thoughtfully. Quizzes were helpful. Knowledgeable, honest training to prepare for the CMMC CCP exam. The ecfirst CCP Academy Portal is wonderful, it is loaded with resources and documents that I know will come in handy when studying and conducting assessments and consultations. Overall rating of the CCP Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor:10.”

“Mike was able to explain complex ideas and concepts in a simplified way and provided realistic and practical examples of how concepts and practices are/can be applied. *Very informative! Exceptional!* Mike brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in application and implementation of CMMC. Overall rating of the CCP Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor:10.”



Excellent presentation

Comprehensive collateral

The instructor made the content engaging

The CCP support documents were well prepared

I feel ready for the exam and CCP certification!!!

CCA References

I shopped around and think i made the right choice

Looking forward to additional training and service

Information provided in the portal is comprehensive

Very knowledgeable instructor

Great job

“Strengths include a knowledgeable instructor with a good slide deck, who allows all student questions and provides the opportunity for experienced students to have discussion and share their additional knowledge. *Excellent presentation and customer service by ecfirst.* Great job Mike and Audra! Looking forward to additional training and service. Information provided in the portal is comprehensive. Overall rating of the CCP Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor:10.”

“Comprehensive collateral. *I shopped around and think i made the right choice.* Very good ecfirst CCP Academy Portal. Overall rating of the CCP Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor:10.”

“Mike Turpin is super knowledgeable and presented the content in a very clear concise way that made me super comfortable with the content. *I feel ready for the exam and CCP certification!!!* The CCP Academy Portal contains a wealth of information which are going to be super useful for years to come. It is obvious ecfirst put a lot of thought and spent a lot of time putting together resources that CCPs and CCAs will be using for a very long time. Overall rating of the CCP Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor:10.”

“*Very knowledgeable instructor.* The instructor made the content engaging. The pace was ideal for me, and I learned more than I expected to. Great. Overall rating of the CCP Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor:10.”

“*The CCP support documents were well prepared.* The CCP Academy Portal is well thought of and put together well.”



I really enjoyed

Resources are provided!

Excellent CMMC knowledge from the instructor

The information is very timely and relevant

Mike was very informative and understood the material

CCA References

The CCA instructor has in depth knowledge of how it applies to actual real-life assessments

It is very evident he posses a wealth of knowledge

CCA training material was very good

Great training to prep for the CCA exam!

Very informative

“*The CCA instructor has in depth knowledge of how it applies to actual real-life assessments.* Overall rating of the Instructor: 9.”

“Mike was very informative and understood the material. *It is very evident he posses a wealth of knowledge.* Very informative. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“*The examples and class discussions in the CCA class were great.* I feel better prepared for the CCA exam. I like the CCA Academy Portal. It is easy to access and find the information you are looking for. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“*CCA training material was very good. Discussions were welcomed.* Mike answered many questions I had. This is my second class with Mike and hope to take some more with him. Provided complete question bank. Great training to prep for the CCA exam! Communication with ecfirst has always been top notch. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“*Excellent CMMC knowledge from the instructor.* The information is very timely and relevant. This is a great time to be able to teach others more about CMMC with so much confusion in the DIB about it. All of the students benefit from Mike's long career experience, which makes the course very valuable beyond just the basic material. I love that so many super useful resources are provided! I really enjoyed the special visit from Ali and think it adds to the course. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



Great training

The group scenarios truly bring everything together

a well-rounded perspective

Really good discussions and real world scenarios

The ecfirst CCA course documentation and scenarios were excellent!

CCA References

I LOVE that you've added Zip file downloads of the major materials

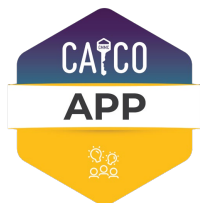
Mike's subject matter expertise is evident!

Experienced CCA instructor

Instructor was amazing

Reality Focused!

- “*Mike's subject matter expertise is evident!* His years of participation in the discussion inform a well-rounded perspective of the ecosystem and provide context I doubt other LTPs can share. I greatly appreciate Mike's good humor and patience. I LOVE that you've added Zip file downloads of the major materials in the CCA Academy Portal. Thank you! Overall rating of the CCA Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “*Experienced CCA instructor.* Mike definitely knows what he's talking about. He makes sure to bring up questions to the group. This was great, in the framework supplied by DoD and Cyber AB. Reality Focused! Not Theoretical or "Gray". Great training. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 9.”
- “*Really good discussions and real world scenarios.* Instructor was amazing and I would for sure take a class taught by him again. Real world examples were very useful. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “*The ecfirst CCA course documentation and scenarios were excellent!* The strengths of the program were Mike's expertise and his clear, invaluable effective presentation. The group scenarios truly bring everything together. Fantastic course. I thoroughly enjoyed the course and always recommend it to all my friends!! I passed my CCP with your training in Las Vegas, I'm sure to pass my CCA! The ecfirst CCA Academy Portal offers a wealth of information. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “*Good coverage of all CMMC Level 2 controls.* Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



I love the discussions

Very informative CCA class

I feel better prepared for the exam

It is very evident he possesses a wealth of knowledge

The CCA class scenarios, examples and class discussions were great

CCA References

Instructor has in depth knowledge of how it applies to actual real-life CMMC assessments

It is easy to access and find the information you are looking for

Good CMMC CCA program

Discussions were welcomed

Material was very good

“Good CMMC CCA program. *Instructor has in depth knowledge of how it applies to actual real-life CMMC assessments.* Overall rating of the Instructor: 9.”

“Very informative CCA class. *Mike was very informative and understood the CMMC material.* It is very evident he possesses a wealth of knowledge. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“The CCA class scenarios, *examples and class discussions were great.* I believe the ecfirst CCA program is good as is and I can't think of improvements at this time. I feel better prepared for the exam. I like the CCA Academy Portal. It is easy to access and find the information you are looking for. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“The ecfirst CCA Training material was very good. Discussions were welcomed. *Mike answered many questions I had. This is my second class with Mike and hope to take some more with him.* Great training to prep for the exam! Communication with ecfirst has always been top notch. Easy to use the CCA Academy Portal. Overall rating of the CCA Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“Knowledge and experience of the CCA instructor and a willingness to answer any presented questions. *Great and what I needed.* Overall rating of the CCA Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



Greatest class
Wonderful instructor
Empowered and excited!
ecfirst CCA class is excellent

Very professional and exceptionally detailed

CCA References

The ecfirst CCA CMMC training was a wonderful experience

Objectives of each domain was outstanding

I would strongly recommend

Thorough and consistent

Great instructor

- “Great Course. Mike kept it interesting and enjoyable. [Comprehensive resource in CCP Academy Portal](#). Overall rating of the CCP Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “*The ecfirst CCA CMMC training was a wonderful experience.* Mike is a wonderful instructor. I loved how he got us to take quizzes together. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “The ecfirst CCA program - the level of detail, the thoroughness of the review, the availability of the practice tests and professionalism of the development and organization of the information were greatest strength of the program. [Exceptional real-world examples](#). Overwhelming, but empowered and excited! Very professional and exceptionally detailed for preparation in certification resources. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “Mike went through everything in the CCA program and explained with detail and examples. [Overall, the ecfirst CCA class is excellent.](#) I would strongly recommend anyone who wanted to know more about the assessment process as well as becoming a certified assessor. I really enjoyed both the CCP and the CCA classes. I passed the CCP exam on the first try and I am looking forward to taking the CCA exam soon. All my best to the wonderful team at ecfirst. I like using the CCA Academy Portal. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



Discussions are great

Instructor is very knowledgeable

Great Presentation and Content, well organized

Easy to use the CCA Academy Portal

Great job educating the class on the CMMC domains and CMMC practices

CCA References

CCA program from ecfirst was extensive with excellent resources

Practical CMMC Assessment insight was provided

A very good experience overall

CCA content and practice tests were valuable

Teriffic class

- “Focus on 171 controls in the CCA program to drive the understanding of the objectives of each domain was outstanding. Thorough and consistent. *Mike is a great instructor*. Easy to navigate the ecfirst CCA Academy Portal. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “The CCA program from ecfirst was extensive with excellent resources. The discussion of the SSP and how it relates to the objectives were the greatest strength of CCA program. *Practical CMMC Assessment insight was provided*. The CCA Practice exams and resources are excellent in the CCA Academy Portal. The Mark Musone instructor discussions was great. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “*Delivered a lot of valuable CMMC information that I felt would be necessary for passing the CCA exam*. A very good experience overall. Easy to use the CCA Academy Portal. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “Real world examples of how CMMC practices can be met or are expected to be met. The ecfirst CMMC course prepared me for the CCA Exam. *The CCA Academy Portal is packed with great content and is easy to navigate*. Mike did a great job educating the class on the CMMC domains and CMMC practices. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “*The ecfirst CCA program - Great Presentation and Content, well organized*. CCA content and practice tests were valuable. CCA Academy Portal was good. Enjoyed Ali's presentation on the SSP. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 9.”



Awesome course

Instructor is very knowledgeable

I would take another course from ecfirst

Instructor experience was the strong point

Great information and learned a ton on the process of running an assessment

CCA References

Excellent instructors and course material

I liked having multiple instructors

Material was well covered

I liked the pace of the course

Great class

“The comprehensive approach for the CCA training class was a strength of the program. *All CMMC assessment topics were covered thoroughly.* Fairly intuitive and easy to use the CCA Academy Portal. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 9.”

“*Appreciated the focus on the CAP and the objectives.* The guest speaker on Day 2 had great experience. I can't think of anything to improve. Prepares students well for the CCA exam. CCA program was packed with information. So many artifacts. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“*Material was well covered.* Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 8. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“The strengths of the program were the instructors formal experience conducting CMMC assessments and being able to communicate their experiences and best practices to the class. *Awesome course with Excellent instructors and course material.* Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



Very happy

Awesome! Will recommend ecfirst

Helpful and informative

Very straight forward and lots of relevant CMMC information!

Thorough review of the material, particularly the CMMC practices

CCA References

Experience of the ecfirst CMMC instructors were great

A very clear and knowledgeable

Instruction was valuable and very thorough

Engaging and informative

I love the discussions

“Great information and learned a ton on the process of running an assessment. Great class, lots of slides! Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 8. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“I liked having multiple instructors. *I liked the pace of the course, and the student interaction during group quizzes.* Our conversation on, and the instructor's knowledge of MSP/ESP cert requirements was very helpful, and an unexpected bonus. Instructor experience was the strong point. I would take another course from ecfirst. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 9.”

“Mike is a very clear and knowledgeable CMMC CCA instructor. I took ecfirst's CCP class with Mike Turpin and easily passed the exam afterwards. I didn't think twice about choosing Mike and ecfirst for the CCA class. *Very happy. Awesome! Will recommend ecfirst.* Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“Experience of the ecfirst CMMC instructors were great. *Engaging and informative.* Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



Depth of knowledge

Instructor is very knowledgeable

Liked the group exercises

Industry background was invaluable

CMMC CCA subject matter and always encourages questions and participation

CCA References

Always a pleasure to attend ecfirst courses

Easy to use CMMC CCA Academy Portal

Instruction was valuable and very thorough

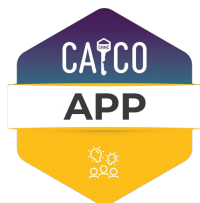
Helpful CMMC CCA study aids

Great CCA course

“*Thorough review of the material, particularly the CMMC practices.* Interaction among class participants during quiz reviews were awesome. Helpful and informative. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 8. Overall rating of the Instructor: 9.”

“Very straight forward and lots of relevant CMMC information! *I love the discussions that were able to be done in our cohort, and how it did not derail the presentations.* Amazing! Now I am ready to test! All the information needed is present on the CCA Academy Portal. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“*Mike has a text-book knowledge of this CMMC subject and takes the time to engage his students when they have questions.* Mikes makes covering this amount of CCA material so much easier. I took the ecfirst CMMC training and passed the CCP. I can't think of any improvements needed. Great CMMC Dashboard in the CCA Academy Portal!. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



A good resource

Instructors are gracious and inviting people

Fantastic CCA class by ecfirst

I enjoyed spending almost a week with them (again:-))

The CCA Program included lots of information packaged in consumable ways

CCA References

The CCA Academy Portal worked great

Seeing real artifacts was very helpful

I had to attend to various unavoidable matters during the class

Exceptional course material

Extraordinary effort

“Mike is very knowledgeable on the CMMC CCA subject matter and always encourages questions and participation. Always a pleasure to attend ecfirst courses. Easy to use the CMMC CCA Academy Portal. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“Strengths of the CCA Program included, depth of knowledge and experience of the instructor, and helpful CMMC CCA study aids. The ecfirst CCA program content, portal, and instruction was valuable and very thorough. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“The CCA Program included lots of information packaged in consumable ways. Instructors, Mike was a great asset, and Lorna was very attentive. I liked the hands on group exercises. I know you have to present the approved slides, but seeing different real artifacts was very helpful. The CCA Academy Portal was very helpful, a good resource. Just want to thank Mike and Lorna for being flexible. I had to attend to various unavoidable matters during the class. Both are gracious and inviting people. I enjoyed spending almost a week with them (again:-)).”



Great ecfirst Team

Look forward to future trainings with ecfirst

Awesome experience with the CCA class

The ecfirst experience is very reassuring

Learned from discussions on real world assessment scenarios

CCA References

Very happy I chose ecfirst for the CCA training

Instructors were wonderful and very knowledgeable

The material was very well organized

I appreciated all the study reference material

**I am very happy that
I chose ecfirst**

“The instructors Mike Turpin and Lorna Waggoner were wonderful, very knowledgeable in all CMMC domains and kept the class very engaged. The material was *very well organized* and during the class the instructor *elaborated with assessment scenarios* that supported the understanding of the CMMC material covered. I appreciated all the *study reference material* provided and practice quiz questions. *Learned greatly* from discussions on real assessment scenarios. I appreciated the *collaboration and quick responses* from all ecfirst Team members. I didn't have any issues at all during the course. I look forward to future trainings and opportunities to collaborate on assessments with your CCAs. I am very happy that I chose ecfirst to take my CCA course. The schedule you presented for class offerings was key for me choosing ecfirst and the transparency about the course cost, content and expectations was very helpful. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“Keep doing what you do. ecfirst rocks, always awesome to see. *Awesome experience with the ecfirst CCA class*. Can't imagine CCA class being better, The experience of the entire ecfirst team is very reassuring and the openness and honesty is also terrific. Again just a great team you have here. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



The CCA Academy
Portal is a fantastic bonus

We could not ask more for the CCA class

The CCA Portal must have taken a lot of work to build

Instructor "hands-on" experience,
knowledge and great sense of humor

Look forward to having other on my Team go through your CCA class

CCA References

CCA Academy Portal was loaded with a ton of valuable content

Lots of rich material in the CCA Academy Portal

Tremendous support staff for CCA classes

CCA Academy Portal was very well organized

Very positive training experience

Super special CCA training

“*Excellent CMMC CCA materials*, a great instructor, and a tremendous support staff. Not sure we could ask for more. The ecfirst CCA portal is a fantastic bonus. Lots of rich material in the Portal. The CCA Portal must have taken a lot of work. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“*The strength of the CCA Program were the instructors*. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“Having an instructor with 'hand-on' experience, theoretical knowledge, and a great sense of humor made this CMMC CCA training super special. *The CCA Portal was smooth, very well-organized, with ton of valuable content*. Thank you! I am very glad our friends at Phoenix TS connected us with your organization. This was a very positive experience and looking forward to having other members of my team go through your class. Thanks everyone!!. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



Keep up the great work

Fantastic CCA class by ecfirst

Very experienced instructors

CCA Portal is a great resource

CCA References

CCA Portal is a great resource

Industry background was invaluable

Exceptional course material

Excellent CCA Portal

*Thank you for the bulk download
for templates*

- “*The CCA Program was very engaging!* Mark was a great instructor. The CMMC CCA Academy platform was also very intuitive and provided the resources I needed for the course and the exam. Great learning experience. I also liked the length of the sessions and the break schedules. Happy overall. Lorna and Kris were great facilitators. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 9. Overall rating of the Instructor: 9.”
- “*Great insight and knowledge* from all instructors for the CCA Program. Great course. Excellent CCA Portal. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “The quizzes and practice exams were the strengths of the CCA Program. *Very experienced instructors and exceptional course material!*. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”
- “The CCA instructors’ keen ability to share their experience and knowledge with the class. Their examples drawing on years of industry background were invaluable to the CCA class and learning. *Fantastic CCA class by ecfirst*, I will definitely be back! The CCA Portal is a great resource for the class materials. Thank you for adding a bulk download button for the templates, it is a major time saver! Keep up the great work and continuing to improve your efforts are always appreciated and noticed! Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



Group
exercise was great
Exceptional team
CCA training materials were awesome
Excellent CCA practice tests
CMMC assessment templates on the CCA portal

CCA References

Real-world experiences in discussions
Knowledgeable instructors
Learned a lot of new
information
Great CCA course

“*Loved the CCA quizzes and resources.* CCA Portal is very user friendly. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“*The Group Exercises were a great addition* to the curriculum. CCA Academy Portal was great.”

“Lots of real world examples given during the CCA class. *Tons of information* to download and assessment templates to use. CCA Academy Portal was easy to use. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“The CCA Instructors were great and knowledgeable. *Learned a lot of new information.* Knowing there are CMMC assessment templates on the ecfirst CCA Portal that we can utilize is extremely helpful. Excellent CCA Portal from ecfirst. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“The CCA group exercise using the *TRACERSM Portal was great.* CCA Instructor Rating: 10. Keep up the good work. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”



Great job Terrific course

Loved the CCA quizzes and resources

Keep up the good work
Knowledgeable instructors

CCA References

Incredibly insightful training

Tons of information

*CMMC Assessment Templates
on the CCA Portal*

Best resources

“The CCA instructors shared their experiences and that was a key strength of the ecfirst CCA Program. Excellent class. *The CCA Portal was excellent.* The ecfirst CCA Team was exceptional. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“The CMMC CCA Program was an *incredibly insightful training experience.* The format and organization of the CCA training materials was incredibly helpful. I really like the CCA practice tests and the resources available in the CCA Academy Portal. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“Great CCA course! Couldn't have been *happier with quality of instruction* received for the CCA Program. ecfirst was very understanding when it came to students' different learning styles. Keep up the good work. Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”

“The CCA class served it's purpose. Coverage of all CMMC security objectives were the strengths of the CCA Program. I enjoyed the CCA Academy Portal. The CCA *quizzes and resources were easy to find and use.* Overall rating of the CCA Training Program: 10. Overall rating of the Instructor: 10.”