## ECSE-4964 and ECSE-6964 Quantum Computer Programming

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- ??? 1. If someone gives you a quantum computer, how do you program it?
  - 2. If you don't have a quantum computer, how can you use Amazon's cloud or IBM's free tools or simulators on github?
  - 3. What is spooky action at a distance? Is it an entangled mess?
  - 4. Is IBM the only serious quantum computing player? (ans: no).
  - 5. You heard that quantum computing will break existing ciphers? (ans: some, eventually, maybe). What are serious uses of quantum computing? (ans: simulate real quantum systems for designing better drugs and rechargeable batteries.)
  - 6. How does this course relate to RPI's physics and CS quantum courses? (ans: this an engineering course; it's not just physics and theory).
  - 7. How do you factor an integer with a quantum computer?
  - 8. Where do you get more info? (ans: my web site.)
- **Learning Outcomes:** 1. Demonstrate proficiency with the mathematics behind quantum computing; qubits and quantum gates.
  - 2. Understand important quantum computing algorithms like Grover and Shor.
  - 3. Understand the three main quantum platforms: transmon qubit (IBM Q), trapped ion (IonQ), and quantum annealing (D-Wave).
  - 4. Apply that to write and run programs on those platforms.









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