The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) is the premier provider of advanced level education to develop security leaders. The curriculum prepares students to develop and implement security strategies and leverage information and technology to address our Nation's security challenges. All courses and programs are tuition-free and offered in a virtual instructor-led environment.

CREDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Education courses have been evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) for credit recommendations. The ACE College Credit Recommendation Service (CREDIT©) connects CDSE workplace learning with colleges and universities by helping employees gain access to academic credit for formal courses and examinations taken outside traditional degree programs. ACE credit recommendations allow students to transfer credit earned from approved courses toward the completion of degree programs. CDSE course credit recommendations are listed in the ACE National Guide at: **www2.acenet.edu/credit**.

POST-BACCALAUREATE EDUCATION CERTIFICATES (PBC)

The CDSE Education Program offers post-baccalaureate certificates in five concentrations. Students can earn Education Certificates in Risk Management, Security Leadership, Security Management, Security (Generalist), and for Systems and Operations by completing the required four courses. Students who earn a certificate will add to their academic credentials. More information about the PBC programs are available at: **https://www.cdse. edu/education/certificates.html**.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS

Students who complete these courses will earn 160 Professional Development Units (PDUs) for a 16-week course and 80 PDUs for an 8-week course as determined by the Department of Defense Security Training Council toward the maintenance of the Security Professional Education Development (SPēD) Program Certification.

REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Course/Program enrollment:

- Registration is restricted to U.S. Government civilian employees and U.S. military service members.

- Programs have additional admission requirements. Please visit **www.cdse.edu/Education**.

Student success:

- Students must complete reading, research, and writing assignments like a university graduate program.

- Students who have no experience taking graduate courses are encouraged to complete the course ED 202, "Writing and Communication Skills in the Security Environment," before taking other courses in this curriculum.

- Please consider adding one or more of these courses to your Individual Development Plan (IDP).

Education courses:
https://www.cdse.edu/education/courses.html

Course registration and program requirements:
https://www.cdse.edu/education/requirements.html
Contact: dcsa.ncr.cdse.mbx.cdse-education@mail.mil

SEMESTER	FALL 2024 Aug 19 - Dec 15	SPRING 2025 Jan 20 - May 18	FALL 2025 Aug 18 - Dec 14	SPRING 2026 Jan 19 - May 17
VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSES				
ED202 Writing and Communication Skills in the Security Environment	X		X	
ED203 Writing Incident Reports and Research Papers for DOD Security		X		X
ED501 Security as an Integral Part of DOD Programs	X	X	X	X
ED502 Organizational Considerations in Applying Security within the Federal and DOD Bureaucracy	X	X	X	X
ED503 Constitutional Law and its Application to DOD Security	X	X	X	X
ED504 Understanding Adversaries and Threats to the United States and the DOD	X	X	X	X
ED505 Budgeting and Financial Management for Security Programs	X		X	
ED506 Human Resource Management for DOD Security		X		X
ED507 Managing a DOD Installation Security Program	X	X	X	X
ED508 Research Methods, Data Analysis, and Reporting to Support DOD Security Programs	X		X	
ED509 Assessment and Evaluation of DOD Security Programs	X	X	X	X
ED510 The Future of Security Systems and Cybersecurity		X		X
ED511 Leadership in DOD Security	X	X	X	X
ED512 Effective Communication in DOD Security	X	X	X	X
ED513 Security in the DOD Acquisition Process		X		X
ED514 Cybersecurity and Oversight of Information System Security	X	X	X	X
ED520 Foundations of Insider Threat Management	X	X	X	X
ED601 Statutory, Legal, and Regulatory Basis of DOD Security Programs	X		X	
ED603 Risk Management Project and Advanced Studies		X		X

CDSE POST-BACCALUAREATE EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Risk Management	Certificate in Security Leadership	Certificate in Security Management	Certificate in Security (Generalist)	Certificate for Systems & Operations
ED501	ED501	ED505	ED501	ED501
ED504	ED503	ED506	ED502	ED510
ED508	ED511	ED507	ED509	ED513
ED603	ED512	ED509	ED601	ED514

Each course has received a credit recommendation by the American Council on Education (ACE).
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