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

All Education courses have been evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) for credit recommendations. The ACE CollegeCredit 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 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 add to their academic credentials. More information about the Certificate program is 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 maintenance of 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 similar to 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 CDSE Education Division:
dcsa.ncr.cdse.mbx.cdse-education@mail.mil

SEMESTER	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026
CDSE-ED COURSE OFFERINGS	Aug 19 - Dec 15	Jan 20 - May 18	Aug 18 - Dec 14	Jan 19 - May 17

8 Week Courses

		FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026
ED202	**Writing and Communication Skills in the Security Environment**	X		X	
ED203	**Writing Incident Reports and Research Papers for DOD Security**		X		X
ED401	**The Defense Security Enterprise: A National Security Enabler**		X		X
ED402	**The Security Triangle: Security, Law Enforcement and Intelligence**			X	

16 Week Courses

		FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026
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
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	
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	
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-BACCALAUREATE 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

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