




## THIS MONTH'S FOCUS

# SECURITY TRAINING COLLABORATIONS

### DID YOU KNOW?

CDSE's *Acquisition Toolkit* provides a link to see "How to obtain a DAU student account" to access recommended DAU training.

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## SHARING SECURITY TRAINING RESOURCES

At CDSE, we continuously strive to be a one-stop-shop for the security certification, training, and education needs of the DOD workforce and cleared industry. As part of that effort, CDSE understands the importance of collaboration with other DOD organizations providing security training. Through coordination and established agreements, we are able to host security training offerings from Defense Acquisition University (DAU), Personnel and Security Research Center (PERSEREC) Threat Lab, and Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA).

DAU provides a global learning environment to develop qualified acquisition, requirements, and contingency professionals who deliver and sustain effective and affordable warfighting capabilities.

DAU President James Woolsey states, "all of our learning assets are meant to help you develop and manage acquisition programs, projects, and systems that continue to make our Nation's warfighters the best-equipped armed forces in the world."

DAU and CDSE collaborate to improve the acquisition community's knowledge and application of security best practices. We also intend to improve the security community's knowledge and understanding of the acquisition process, including supply chain risk management and lifecycle logistics. The goal is to leverage, promote, and ensure acquisition and security professionals have access to needed training and other resources to support security as the foundation of the acquisition process.

One of the ways we will accomplish this goal is with CDSE's **Acquisition Toolkit**. Traditionally, the acquisition process was three pillars: cost, schedule, and performance. We now recognize that these pillars must stand on a foundation of strong security to enable the development of uncompromised products and services critical to our Nation's defense and economic well-being.





The Acquisition Toolkit contains multiple eLearning courses and resources from CDSE and DAU to provide information and increase understanding of how to apply security best practices throughout the acquisition process. Course topics range from counterfeit prevention awareness to program protection planning awareness. Additionally, there is a tab that links to the **Deliver Uncompromised Toolkit**.

The toolkit also has a tab for the following Acquisition Resources (see below).

PERSEREC is committed to improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness of the DOD personnel security and suitability programs. To further this mission, PERSEREC established The Threat Lab in 2018, supporting the DOD Counter-Insider Threat Program Director’s vision to integrate the social and

behavioral sciences into the mission space.

CDSE’s **Insider Threat Toolkit Research tab** houses all of our PERSEREC Threat Lab content. The Research tab contains numerous informative products like games, novels/graphic novels, infographics, job aids, playbooks, podcasts, white papers, case studies, and newsletters. The two newsletters, The Insider: The PERSEREC Threat

Lab Newsletter and the PERSEREC BLUF: Bottom Line Up Front, both contain works from various government, academic, scientific/research, non- profit, and media organizations from the U.S.

Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF) newsletter highlights what personnel at The Threat Lab are watching, listening to, reading, and thinking about.

| DAU RESOURCE                                       | DESCRIPTION   |
|--|---|
| ACQuipedia   | ACQuipedia serves as an online encyclopedia of common defense acquisition topics.   |
| Ask a DAU Professor                                | Ask A Professor (AAP) is a Defense Acquisition University resource that allows the workforce to leverage institutional knowledge to assist with general acquisition questions.  |
| DAU Lunch & Learn                                  | List of Lunch & Learn events when scheduled.  |
| DAU Media  | DAU Videos: Featured Channels/Playlists, Web Events, and Interviews.  |
| DAU Online Library                                 | This page is designed to offer up resources for a Defense Acquisition Workforce to include access to licensed databases, DAU publications, professional reading lists, and research capabilities.                       |
| DAU Policy Browser                                 | Browser to search all policies by topic/special topics, organization, and laws & regulations.   |
| DAU Tools & Resource Database                      | Hundreds of acquisition-related resources to assist you on the job.   |
| Defense Acquisition Guidebooks                     | Twelve different functional areas fundamental to the operation of the defense acquisition process are listed. Click on them to access specific guidebooks and where available, additional relevant reference materials. |
| Glossary of Defense Acquisition Acronyms and Terms | The DAU Glossary reflects most acronyms, abbreviations, and terms commonly used in the systems acquisition process within the DOD and defense industries.   |



DISA offers cyber training and resources on **the public DOD Cyber Exchange** and **Non-Classified Internet Protocol Router (NIPR) DOD Cyber Exchange** portals that they sponsor.

CDSE hosts three DISA courses that are of interest to the DOD workforce, cybersecurity practitioners, and Information Systems Security Managers (ISSMs). They are the Enterprise Mission Assurance Support Services (eMASS) course, Phishing and Social Engineering course, and the Cyber Awareness Challenge.

DISA eMASS training serves as an introduction to the eMASS application with an overview of its functionality in support of the Risk Management

Framework (RMF), Continuous Monitoring, and Enterprise Reporting. It is required to establish an eMASS account.

Previously, industry personnel needed to be sponsored by a Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) Information Systems Security Professional (ISSP) in the field in order to take the eMASS training. Now that CDSE hosts the eMASS training on the Security Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal (STEPP), industry personnel do not need to request ISSP approval to access training and ISSPs do not need to approve each person to take eMASS training. This change of offering the course on STEPP has made the process more streamlined and efficient for users and removed

the approval workload for ISSPs.

The Phishing and Social Engineering course provides guidelines to avoid cyber-attacks and their consequences. It explains that phishing is a serious, high-tech scam and system users are the best line of defense against it. Further, it illustrates why users should always be on the lookout for phishing attempts, even from people within their organization.

The DOD Cyber Awareness Challenge provides an overview of current cybersecurity threats and best practices to keep information and information systems secure at home and at work. It is also required training for eMASS. CDSE hosts it on STEPP for those who need

access to eMASS, as well as industry members, who may need to show they have taken the training to access DOD computers.

Hosting other organization's security related courses benefits CDSE customers because it improves our ability to be a one-stop-shop for security training. No permissions are needed to take a course other than meeting STEPP student requirements, which streamlines the process. Another benefit is the STEPP transcript, which is a retrievable record of courses completed by a student. Thanks to our collaborations with DAU, PERSEREC, and DISA, CDSE will be able to provide students access to quality external resources and training for years to come.





## UPDATED NISP SELF-INSPECTION COURSE

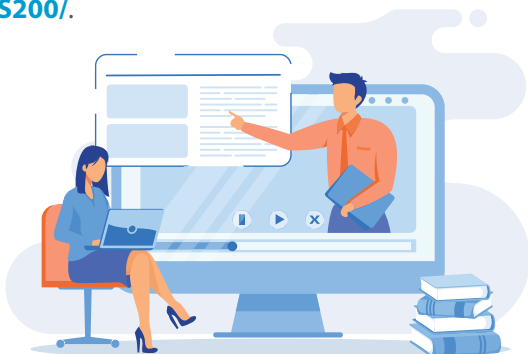
CDSE has recently updated the “NISP Self-Inspection Course,” which introduces the requirements to conduct a self-inspection. Content includes preparing for a self-inspection, methods used to conduct a self-inspection, activities involved when performing a self-inspection, and actions taken once a self-inspection is complete. The Self-Inspection Handbook is also introduced. <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/eLearning/IS130/>.

## PERSONNEL VETTING SEMINAR

CDSE has a few slots open for the new virtual instructor-led course Personnel Vetting Management Seminar from July 11 – 13. This three-day, virtual seminar will address the requirements associated with the new Trusted Workforce 2.0 reform of the Federal Government’s personnel vetting system. It focuses on end-to-end personnel vetting operations to include; the Federal background investigations program, adjudications for the Department of Defense (DOD), Continuous Vetting, Insider Threat analysis, and Counterintelligence reporting requirements in a collaborative environment.

Students must successfully complete the following pre-requisites (and their exams) in order to register: Introduction to Personnel Security (PS113.16), Insider Threat Awareness Course (INT101.16), and Counterintelligence Awareness and Security Brief (CI112.16).

For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Virtual-Instructor-led-Courses/PS200/>.



## VDSCI RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE

The recordings for the April Virtual DCSA Security Conference for Industry (VDSCI) are now available! If you missed the conference or just want to re-watch one or more of the sessions, visit <https://cdse.acms.com/pg4na4dyagdo/>



## EDUCATION FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now available for the fall semester of CDSE Education classes that run from August 21 to December 17, 2023. Classes fill quickly, so please register early to secure your spot in the fall semester.

CDSE Education Division offers:

- Tuition free & flexible 100% virtual instructor-led courses
- Five Security Education Certificate programs
- Highly qualified instructors
- Real-world practical assignments
- Virtual networking with professionals throughout the security community

You can learn more about the classes being offered and register for them by accessing the links here: <https://www.cdse.edu/education/courses.html>. To register, log into STEPP via: <https://cdse.usalearning.gov/login/index.php>.





## UPCOMING ILT/VILT TRAINING COURSES

Consider signing up for one of CDSE's instructor-led training (ILT) or virtual instructor-led training (VILT) courses! Training is free and the VILT eliminates travel expenses. Complete CDSE courses to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) toward the maintenance of Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Program certifications and credentials, and select courses have ACE CREDIT recommendations that may earn transfer credits at participating universities. Below is a list of ILT/VILT courses available from July - September 2023.

| COURSE  |                       | DATE (2023)                    | DESCRIPTION  |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Introduction to Special Access Programs (ILT)                       | CompTIA<br>ACE CREDIT | Aug. 8 - 11<br>Westminster, CO | This course focuses on the Department of Defense (DOD) Special Access Program (SAP) fundamentals and is designed to prepare students to become SAP Security Professionals.   |
| Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems (ILT) | CompTIA               | Aug. 21 - 25                   | This course provides students with guidance on applying policies and standards used throughout the U.S. Government to protect information within computer systems, as delineated by the Risk Management Framework (RMF) process. This course will also provide a comprehensive understanding of contractor requirements under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). |
| Orientation to SAP Security Compliance Inspections (ILT)            | CompTIA               | Sept. 12 - 13                  | This course provides students with policy and direction to ensure inspections are standardized, equitable, and consistent across inspection agencies utilizing the DOD Special Access Program (SAP) Security Manuals.  |

## SIGN UP FOR UPCOMING JULY WEBINAR

CDSE invites you to participate in our upcoming July webinar:

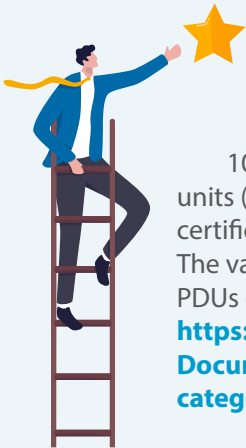
**Applied Mindfulness for Insider Threat Professionals**  
Thursday, 20 July 2023  
12:00 to 1:30 p.m. ET

Visit: <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Webinars-and-Conferences/> to register for this event and join the discussion.





## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS FOR SPED PROGRAM



After you've achieved your certification or credential, you're required to successfully complete at least 100 professional development units (PDUs) within their two-year certification maintenance period. The various ways you can acquire PDUs can be found on this Fact Sheet: <https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/certification/pdu-category-fact-sheet.pdf>.

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR UPCOMING SECURITY CONFERENCE

Register now for the next security conference:

**2023 Virtual DCSA Security Conference for DOD (VDSC)  
August 16 –17, 2023**

Visit [CDSE Webinars and Conferences](#) webpage to sign up today!



### WHAT THE SECURITY COMMUNITY IS SAYING

#### Comments from the VDSCI:

"There was a lot of good information put out! Speakers were very knowledgeable and provided online resources for a deeper dive into the topics they covered."

"There was a great amount of valuable information and takeaways from today. I specifically appreciated the ability to ask questions. I want to thank all involved for their time and the education they have provided on these topics as well as the resources."

"[Now] I have a better understanding on organizational structure, self-inspections, cyber threats as it relates to cleared industry and FSO duties and responsibilities."

## CDSE NEWS

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