

## Student Guide

### Security Professional Education Program

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| Objective                 | At the conclusion of this Short, you will be able to identify the CDSE Security Professional Education Program offerings. |
| POC                       | Education.cdse@dss.mil  |
| Estimated Completion Time | 5 Minutes   |

#### Screen 1

USER (talking to self) : Wow, that's great! Chris just got promoted to that senior security leadership position. [intrigued/quizzical] You know, we started at the same time and we're in the same job. I should give her a call.

(Audio: Dial tone, dialing, pickup)

CHRIS: Hello?

USER: Hi Chris! I haven't seen you for a while. Congratulations on your promotion.

CHRIS: Thanks!

USER: You know, I've been thinking about going for a senior leadership position. Any advice?

CHRIS: Yes: the Security Professional Education Program developed by DSS Center for Development of Security Excellence (you know, C-D-S-E).

USER: CDSE? I thought they just did job skills training.

CHRIS: CDSE offers the Security Professional Education Program that goes way beyond skills training.

CHRIS: The Security Education Program is unique. The courses were specifically designed to develop leaders in our field and they are the only courses around that are tailored to the DoD security professional.

Keep in mind though: these courses are graduate school-level learning experiences. They are for committed students who are willing to make a serious investment of time and effort toward their own personal and professional development. You are eligible to take these courses even if you do not have a Bachelor's degree; but, you need to be prepared to do graduate level reading, research and writing assignments.

USER: Oh, I'm definitely up for the challenge.

CHRIS: The program really helped me improve my analytical skills, critical thinking skills, and even my writing!

Best of all, CDSE Security Education Program courses are directly applicable to our job. So the next time one of the senior management slots opens up, you'll be ready.

USER: Sounds good, but I'm putting my kids through college. I can't afford graduate course tuition for me now, too.

CHRIS: Not to worry! There are no charges for the courses— well, you might have to buy a book or two, but that's it! In addition, all CDSE courses will be evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) for academic credit recommendations, so we may be able to transfer those credits to a degree program down the road. And here's one our organization will like – there are no TDY costs for most of the courses, not even gas, because they are online!

USER: Well I certainly like that the courses are offered at no charge but I just don't know that I have the time.

CHRIS: Sure you have time! Because the courses are offered online, you can fit them into your schedule. My supervisor even authorized me to do some coursework during working hours. Plus, when you take a Security Professional Education course from CDSE, you'll earn professional development units, (PDU's) to maintain your SPeD ["speed"] certification, which saves you even more time!

USER: Okay, professional education, PDUs, no cost and online classes? I'm signing up today! Where can I find out more?

CHRIS: It's all on the CDSE website. Just go to [www.dss.mil](http://www.dss.mil) and click on the Professional Education tab. Then click on the "Receive Security Education" link.

NARRATOR: The CDSE Security Education Program is designed to develop a professional security workforce able to meet the evolving challenge of protecting our service members, our citizens and our country.

Open the door to your future as a senior leader in the DoD security community!