

Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Certification (Transcript)

Today's security professionals face a daunting challenge in protecting and defending the interests and assets of the Department of Defense. Building skills and knowledge are the keys to success. The Security Professional Education Development Program, identified by the acronym pronounced "speed," supports DoD security professionals in meeting this challenge.

Are you working as a DoD civilian, serving on active or reserve military duty, or participating as a cleared contractor within the National Industrial Security Program? If your job includes a national security responsibility, you want to know about SPeD.

Mr. Sims, Director, Defense Security Service: "If you consider yourself a security professional, then you ought to be excited about this program. Security is a growth industry. So what is SPeD? Security Professional Education Development. It is DoD's initiative to professionalize the security work force. It means the Department has put some stake in what security professionals do for this Department."

SPeD Certification provides a common standard to measure requirements for a position. DoD Instruction 3305.13, "Security Training," and DoD 3305.13-M, "Security Accreditation and Certification Manual," task Defense Security Service to develop a certification program to professionalize the DoD security workforce. The Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Program is part of this DoD initiative to ensure security practitioners are proficient in a common set of competencies.

SPeD Certification demonstrates success and understanding of the knowledge, skills, and abilities approved by the Department of Defense Security Training Council (DSTC) as needed by today's security professional. Holders of a SPeD Certification can add this credential to their resume, signature line, and business card. The credential indicates that you are a certified security professional and part of an elite group.

SPeD Certification facilitates interoperability among DoD security practitioners. All DoD security practitioners who earn SPeD Certification share a common vocabulary and knowledge base.

Denise Humphrey, Deputy Director, Center for Development of Security Excellence: "Here we are today with a four-level certification program that's not tied merely to grades, it's more importantly tied to the actual duties and functions that individuals perform. This has been a Department-wide developed program."

The SPeD Program has four certifications.

Security Fundamentals Professional Certification The individual understands foundational security concepts, principles, and practices.

Security Asset Protection Professional Certification The individual applies foundational security concepts, principles, and practices.

Security Program Integration Professional Certification The individual understands and applies risk assessment and security program management based on security concepts, principles, and practices.

Security Enterprise Professional Certification The individual understands and applies concepts, principles, and practices for managing enterprise-wide security.

The SPēD Program also includes specialty certifications such as adjudicator, special access program, and DSS industrial security.

The SPēD Program provides security professionals with an accredited certification that is recognized and transferable throughout the DoD.

Get on track for SPēD Certification. It benefits your career, your organization, and the security of our nation.

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