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TRAINING EVOLUTION

DID YOU KNOW?

Digital badges are electronic representations of your certifications and credentials, which can be used in email signatures, digital resumes, and/or social media sites.

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THE EVOLUTION OF CDSE OFFERINGS

Virtual offerings are one of the many reasons CDSE is a pioneer in security education. Our learning management system, the Security Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal (STEPP), allows students to learn without the restrictions of previous models. However, this was not always the case. Most of CDSE's training in the early days was instructor-led (ILT) and classes were supplemented with correspondence courses using CDs, PDF documents, and online tests.

"The ability to train 3,000 individual students was a good year back then," said Erika Ragonese when interviewed for our 10 Year Anniversary Celebration in 2020.

In 2023, there were over 4.8 million course completions.

CDSE's current combination of ILTs, virtual instructor-led training (VILT), and eLearning has improved our ability to provide enhanced learning opportunities to more students. Through the effective use of technology, CDSE provides affordable courses that reach more students both domestic and international. Virtual access to content also represents significant cost savings to taxpayers as the high costs of training are largely associated with travel and lodging.

With the evolution of technology and ubiquitous on-demand access, CDSE's





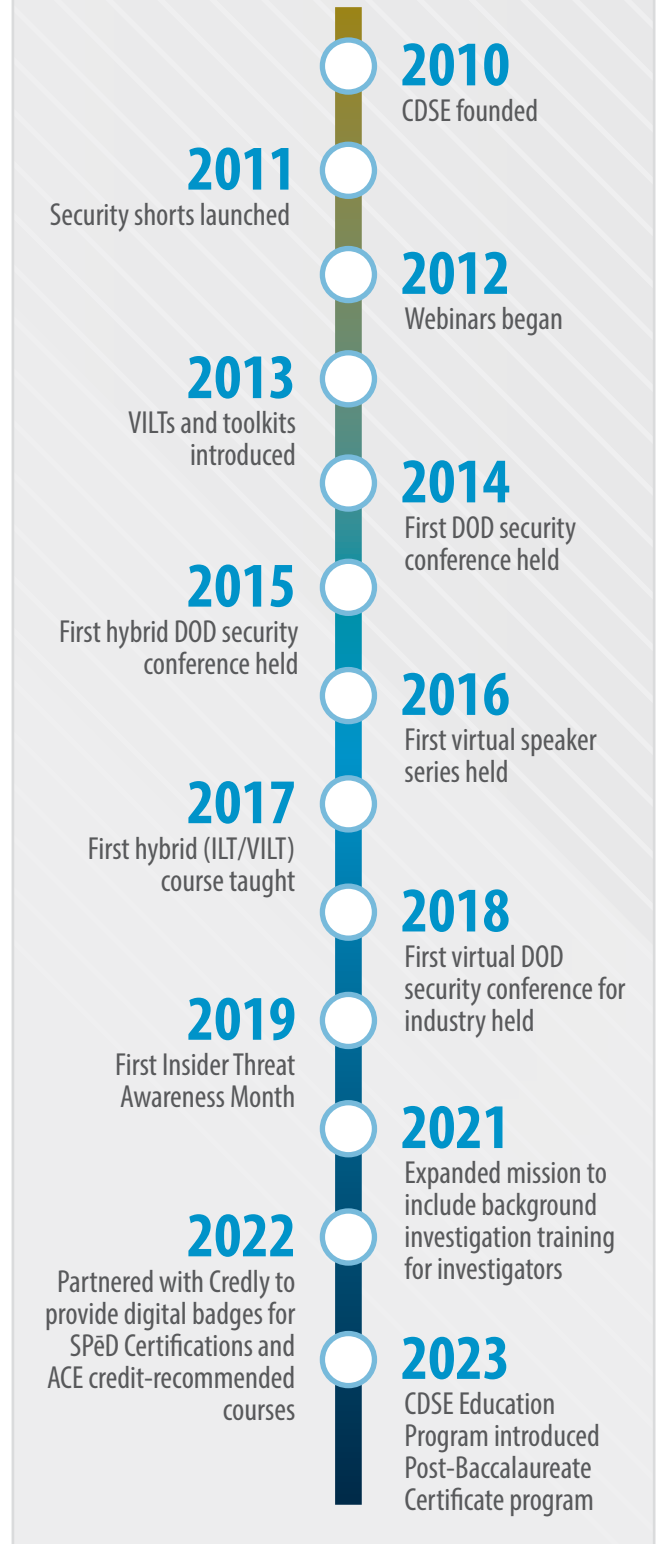
workforce delivers an expansive library of training offerings, covering 11 content areas. These content areas include counterintelligence, cybersecurity, general security, industrial security, information security, insider threat, operations security, personnel security, physical security, and special access programs. These content areas contain multiple courses for security professionals to acquire knowledge that is useful in their profession. In addition to the previously mentioned ILTs, VILTs, and eLearning, CDSE also uses shorts, job aids, webinars, and toolkits to educate students. These delivery methods allow learning to take place anytime, anywhere.

CDSE also hosts multiple webinars and conferences annually using a virtual platform. Not only does this save cost with less travel and logistics planning, but more participants can be reached with the use of our virtual event platform. Participants can attend from their own offices or homes and still ask questions in real-time.

CDSE's evolution from its founding in 2010 to current day is filled with "firsts" that would eventually become the standard for our security education. Security shorts were launched in 2011, webinars were started in 2012, and VILTs and toolkits were introduced in 2013. The first virtual DOD security conference was held in 2014, and the first hybrid DOD security conference took place the following year in 2015. In 2016, we hosted the first virtual speaker series and in 2017 the first hybrid (ILT/VILT) course was taught. In 2018, we held the first virtual DOD security conference for industry. In 2019, we pioneered the first Insider Threat Awareness Month. In 2021, we also expanded our mission to include background investigation training for internal investigators. In 2022, CDSE partnered with Credly to provide digital badges for SPeD Certifications and ACE credit-recommended courses. In 2023, the CDSE Education program introduced the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program.

CDSE will continue to innovate using academic best practices and technology advances to develop new products and delivery methods in order to meet the training and professionalization needs of our security community. Incorporating academic best practices and effectively using technology will become a force multiplier for delivering quality security training, certification, and education offerings to an increasing number of students that is available anytime and anywhere.

CDSE TIMELINE





2024 VIRTUAL DCSA SECURITY CONFERENCE FOR INDUSTRY

The 2024 Virtual DCSA Security Conference for Industry was held on February 28 - 29, 2024! This year's conference theme "Investing in Security" reflects the need to provide Industry with the tools and practical application to bolster their security postures. As programs and policies receive revisions and updates, Industry must learn how it affects them.

This idea shaped the conference, which features such topics as NCCS Facility Clearance Process, CUI, Cyber Program and Capabilities, Personnel Security, panel discussions at the end of each day, and more! This event is for Industry Security Professionals: Facility Security Officers (FSO), Assistant FSOs, Directors of Security, Insider Threat Program Senior Officials, Information System Security Managers, and Senior Management Officials.

If you missed the conference or would like to revisit the content, the recorded presentations will be made available soon. Stay tuned to the VOI, CDSE Pulse, and CDSE Flash for an announcement that conference content is available online. Review the CDSE News article on the last page to learn how to sign up for the Pulse and Flash.

NEW CASE STUDY

CDSE released a new insider threat case study covering the economic espionage committed by Peter Kisang Kim. Learn about the espionage, the sentence, the impact, and the potential risk indicators that, if identified, could have mitigated harm. Access the case study [here](#).

NEW SECURITY AWARENESS GAMES

CDSE has posted updated **Industrial Security Word Search Games** #1, #2, #3. These games are a quick and easy way to test your knowledge and encourage security awareness within your organization. Visit our security awareness games webpage today to access the latest games!

UPCOMING WEBINAR

CDSE webinars are a great way to gain insight into various security topics and interact with security experts. Webinars can also be used as professional development units (PDU) in support of SPêD certification maintenance. Sign up today for the following upcoming live webinars:

Online Behavior in Threat Assessment

March 7, 2024
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm ET

The Espionage Investigation of Ana Belen Montes

March 21, 2024
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

Overview of SPêD Certifications

March 27, 2024
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm ET

Visit CDSE's [webinar webpage](#) to register for these events and join the discussion!





INSIDER THREAT DETECTION ANALYSIS COURSE (ITDAC)

Counter-Insider Threat Analysts, registration is ongoing for several upcoming iterations of the ITDAC. This no cost course is offered to all Executive Branch departments and agencies and is designed for all federal insider threat program analysts from the DOD, Intelligence Community (IC), and Non-Title 50 (NT-50) communities.

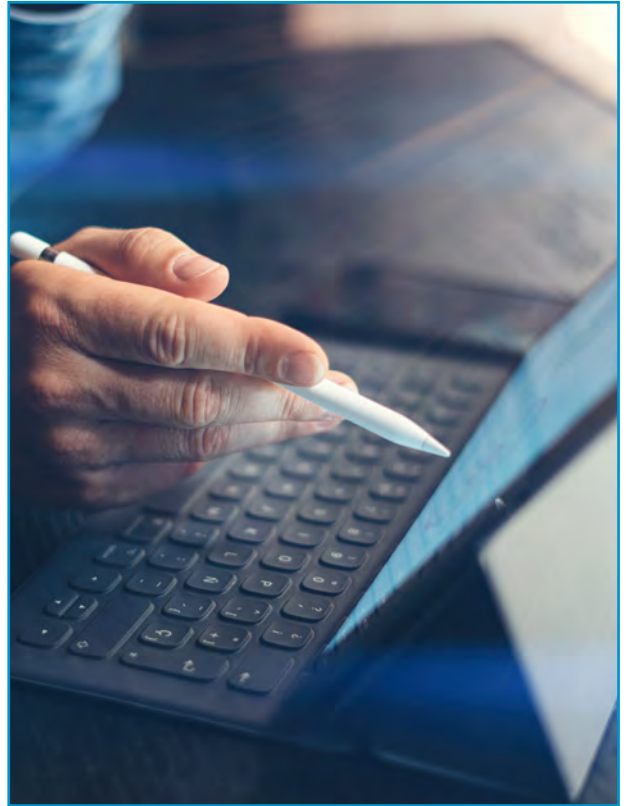
This virtual instructor-led course teaches entry level participants how to apply critical thinking skills and applicable structured analytic techniques to potential insider threat indicators. Learners will also obtain and use holistic data in conjunction with the application of critical pathway theory.

Prospective students will need to complete one of two designated tracks within the Insider Threat Program curricula before registering for the ITDAC:

**Insider Threat Program Operations Personnel Curriculum
INT311.CU**

**Insider Threat Program Management Personnel Curriculum
INT312.CU**

Visit the ITDAC webpage to learn more and register!



UPCOMING SECURITY SPECIALIST TRAINING

Consider signing up for one of CDSE's instructor-led training (ILT) or virtual instructor-led (VILT) DOD Security Specialist training courses! Training is free and the VILT eliminates travel expenses. Complete CDSE courses to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) toward maintenance of Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Program certifications and credentials. Select courses have the American Council on Education (ACE) CREDIT recommendations that may earn transfer credits at participating universities.






This course provides students a baseline knowledge to perform common DOD security tasks and practices. Visit **DOD Security Specialist GS101.01** or **DOD Security Specialist Course VILT GS101.10** to learn more and register!





FY 2024 UPCOMING COURSES

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COURSE	RECOMMENDATION	DATE
DOD Security Specialist	 	Apr. 9 - 17 (ILT) May 20 - Jun. 16 (VILT) Jun. 4 - 12 (ILT) Aug. 6 - 14 (ILT) Aug. 14 - Sept. 15 (VILT)
Physical Security and Asset Protection		Mar. 25 - Apr. 14 (VILT)
Getting Started Seminar for New Facility Security Officers		Apr. 16 - 19 (VILT)
Introduction to Special Access Programs	 	Apr. 1 - 9 (VILT) Apr. 23 - 26 (ILT) May 14 - 17 (ILT)
Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems		Mar. 18 - 22 (ILT)
Insider Threat Detection Analysis Course (ITDAC)		Mar. 18 - 22 (VILT) Apr. 15 - 19 (VILT) May 20 - 24 (VILT)





WHAT THE STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"I always enjoy courses on Insider Threat through this provider. Began taking courses on this subject through them as early as 2015."

"CDSE is the #1 training organization for security professionals in both the federal service and the cleared contracting community. Nobody else comes close to being a #2."

"Elevate your security skills with free training & games. The Center for Development of Security Excellence offers a suite of free resources designed to elevate your security expertise."

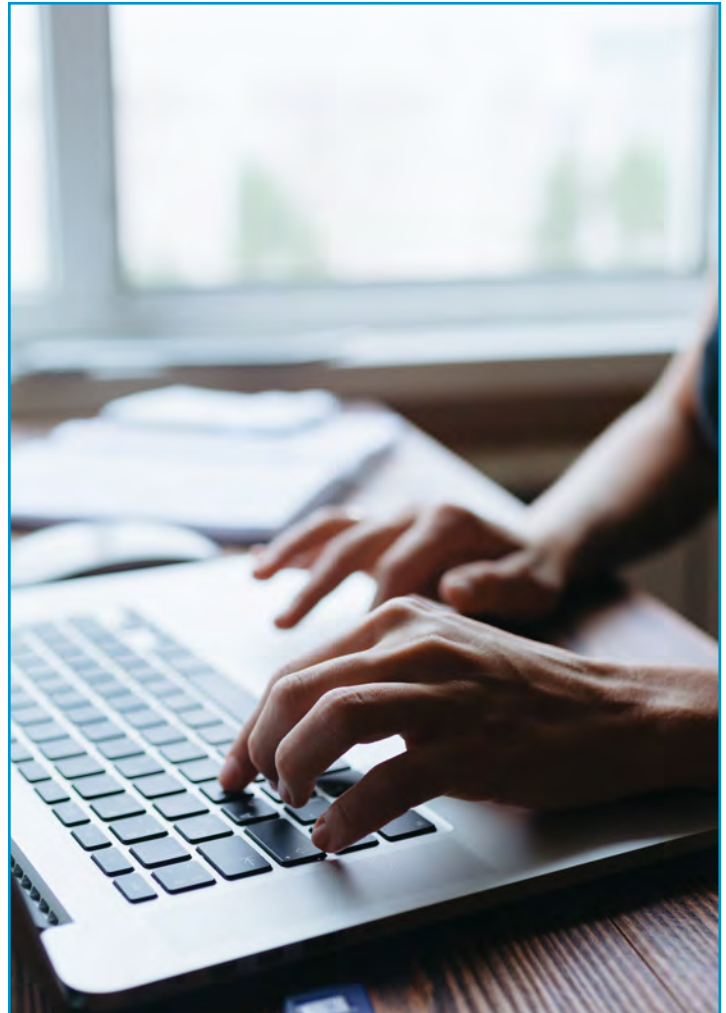
To name a few:

In-depth Training and Education with a variety of security topics with comprehensive training modules and educational resources.

Engaging Security Videos and Webinars: Visual learners, the CDSE provides a wealth of videos and webinars to keep you updated on the latest security.

Interactive Games: Learn through playing engaging games that test your knowledge and decision-making skills.

Practical Job Aids & Toolkits: Get your hands on a range of tools designed to support security professionals in their day-to-day tasks."



CDSE NEWS

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