

# Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA)



**Security Training (ST):** *Training and empowering security professionals to build a trustworthy workforce*

## Overview

The ST mission trains U.S. government, industry and agency security personnel to mitigate risk in support of national security. DCSA is the functional sponsor for ST for the Department of Defense (DOD), delivering ST and credentials to millions of members of the DOD trusted workforce annually.

DCSA's training efforts protect the nation by providing ST, education, certifications and credentials and research. These activities span a broad spectrum of security and counterintelligence disciplines, including credibility assessment, industrial security, personnel security, physical security, information security and insider threat.

- The **DCSA Security Academy** ensures the mission readiness of America's Gatekeepers. Learning audiences include DCSA Field Operations and Mission Directorates with security responsibilities and other stakeholder audiences as directed. The DCSA Security Academy provides comprehensive mission training programs to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to support national security, tailored training programs to support mission readiness, and tools and resources to support mission integration across DCSA.
- The **Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE)** provides ST, education and certification for DOD personnel and has branched out to serve personnel across the federal government, industry under the National Industrial Security Program and DOD-sponsored employees of foreign governments. In addition to virtual and in-person courses, CDSE offers a wide array of

resources, such as training videos, webinars and security awareness games to prepare and assist security professionals throughout their career.

- The **National Center for Credibility Assessment (NCCA)** advances a critical national security federal polygraph mission by conducting credibility assessment training and education, research and development, technical support and oversight activities for nine DOD and 21 non-DOD federal interagency partners.

## ST BY THE NUMBERS FISCAL YEAR 2024

**~5.4 million** ST courses completed  
**~9,300** certifications granted  
**~489,000** students served  
**~100** polygraphers trained

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