



The Pathway to Success Begins with



Security Professional Education Development



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SPeD Testing Events

DFAS, Indianapolis, Ind.
Nov. 3

Aberdeen Proving Ground
Aberdeen, Md.
Nov. 9 and 10

Redstone Arsenal
Huntsville, Ala.
Nov. 8–10

DLA Distribution
Susquehanna, Pa.
Nov. 10

Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
Nov. 15 and 16

DARPA (CACI)
Arlington, Va.
Nov. 15–17

DISA, Falls Church, Va.
Nov. 17 and 18

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
Nov. 18 and 19

NGA, Va.
Nov. 30

Hill Air Force Base, Utah
Nov. 30–Dec. 1

Los Angeles Air Force
Base, Calif.
Dec. 8–10



What is SPeD?

SPeD stands for the Security Professional Education Development Program. The SPeD Certification Program is part of the Department of Defense’s (DoD) initiative to professionalize the security workforce.

The SPeD Program includes four certifications:

Certifications	Certification Descriptions
Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC)	The individual understands foundational security concepts, principles, and practices
Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC)	The individual applies foundational security concepts, principles, and practices
Security Program Integration Professional Certification (SPIPC)	The individual understands and applies risk assessment and security program management based on security concepts, principles, and practices
Security Enterprise Professional Certification (SEPC)	The individual understands and applies concepts, principles, and practices for managing enterprise-wide security

Currently DSS is addressing the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC). The other certifications are in development.

SPeD Beta Testing is in Full Force!

DoD-wide Beta Testing has started for the SFPC and the Defense Security Service (DSS) has initiated SPeD Beta Testing for the SFPC at multiple sites.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) was first to launch Beta Testing on Sep. 30, 2010. Over 100 security professionals have volunteered to take the Exam at WPAFB, and to date 28 have tested. WPAFB tests on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

As part of Fort Hood’s quarterly Security Awareness and Training Conference, Mack Brooks, Chief, Professionalization Division, briefed 150 DoD civilians, contractors, and military on the SPeD Program. The SPeD SFPC Beta Test was administered to 29 of Fort Hood’s security professionals on Oct. 28, 2010.

Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) launched several SPeD testing events and are scheduling candidates for November and December. The Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC) Aircraft Division at Patuxent River, and the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Port Hueneme, Calif. are also testing.



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Frequently Asked SPeD Questions

How do I volunteer to be a SPeD Beta Test Candidate?

Go to the list of test locations and dates on the SPeD Website. If you can take the test at one of these locations, send an e-mail to SPED@dss.mil indicating your preferred location and test time.

What do I need to know about the test?

You must have an ENROL account to access the test. The SPeD Security Fundamentals Professional Certification is a multiple choice test. You should budget about three hours to take the test.

Do I need to study to take the test?

We know that you are a security professional. The purpose of the Beta Test is to assess the baseline knowledge, skills, and abilities of the security workforce. In the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification Test, you may find unfamiliar questions. This is to be expected. You won't be penalized for guessing, so attempt to answer all questions. DSS appreciates your support.

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If your component/agency is not listed above, send an e-mail to SPED@dss.mil and DSS will provide your organization's POC.

Are you able to test at DSS in Linthicum, Md.?

E-mail SPeDCERT.Registration@dss.mil to schedule a date and time:

Nov. 8 - Dec. 3, 2010

Monday - Friday test at either 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
DSS is closed on Nov. 11 and Nov. 25.

Dec. 13 - 30, 2010

Monday - Friday test at either 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
DSS is closed on Dec. 24.

Security Fundamentals Professional Certification

What do you need to know for certification?

Four core areas of expertise:

- Information Security
- Personnel Security
- Physical Security
- Industrial Security

...and these multi-discipline topics:

- Security Policy Landscape
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Counterintelligence Concepts
- Operations Security (OPSEC Concepts)
- Special Access Program (SAP) Basics
- Research and Technology Protection Concepts
- Security Briefings
- Security Education and Training
- Basic Security Forms
- Security Systems

