**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE GETTING STARTED SEMINAR**

Registration is now open for the November 2 - 5 iteration of the virtual instructor-led Getting Started Seminar New Facility Security Officers (FSOs). This course allows new FSOs and security personnel the opportunity to learn and apply fundamental National Industrial Security Program (NISP) requirements in a collaborative environment. It also serves as a refresher on industrial security basics for experienced FSOs. For more information and to register for the course, visit <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Virtual-Instructor-led-Courses/IS121/>

**NEW “PERSONNEL VETTING AT A GLANCE” SHORT**

CDSE has officially launched the “Personnel Vetting at a Glance” short! This short provides a broad overview of the personnel vetting models for national security, suitability/fitness, and HSPD-12 credentialing reporting responsibilities. Watch the short to follow the stories of 3 people with unique personnel vetting requirements. Access it now: <https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/multimedia/shorts/personnel-vetting/story.html>

**THE COUNCIL ON OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION (COE) TO VIRTUALLY HOLD THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY EXCELLENCE (CDSE) ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMATION REVIEW, NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 3, 2021**

CDSE hereby announces it will host a virtual review for accreditation reaffirmation with COE. Persons wishing to make comments should write to: Executive Director, Commission of the Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg. 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350, or submit their comments via the Council website (www.council.org). Persons making comments must provide their names and mailing addresses.

**CDSE WEBSITE UPDATE**

The CDSE website has recently migrated to a new server and is working to resolve some issues users are experiencing when accessing the site. These may be resolved by entering in the full site URL: https://www.cdse.edu in your browser, but some of the issues may be related to site certificates. Additional updates to follow.

**NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH (NCSAM)**

October is recognized as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM), an initiative started 18 years ago by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) to raise awareness of cybersecurity threats and measures to take to increase online safety and security. The 2021 NCSAM theme is “Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart.” Visit the following websites for resources on how to participate and support NCSAM 2021 and enhance cybersecurity awareness:

* Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) - <https://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month>
* National Cybersecurity Alliance - <https://staysafeonline.org/cybersecurity-awareness-month/>
* DOD Cyber Exchange - <https://public.cyber.mil/>
* CDSE Cybersecurity Catalog - <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Cybersecurity/>

**REGISTER FOR SPRING EDUCATION CLASSES**

Registration is now open for the spring semester of CDSE Education classes that run from January 10 to May 10, 2022. Classes fill quickly, so please register early to secure your spot in the spring semester.

CDSE Education Division offers:

* Tuition Free & Flexible 100% virtual instructor led courses
* Five Security Education Certificate programs
* Highly qualified instructors
* Real-world practical assignments
* Virtual networking with professionals throughout the security community

You can learn more about the classes being offered and register for them by accessing the links here: <https://www.cdse.edu/education/courses.html>.

To register, log into STEPP via: <https://cdse.usalearning.gov/login/index.php>

If you have any questions, or need additional information, contact the CDSE Education Division at: dss.ncr.dss-cdse.mbx.cdse-education@mail.mil

**STEPP NOTICE**

The Security Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal (STEPP) will undergo maintenance and will be inaccessible on the following date:

Date: October 14, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. ET

Duration: 4 hours

Reason: systems maintenance

During this window, STEPP users will be unable to access the system. Also, note STEPP has a daily maintenance backup from 1:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. ET. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Connect with CDSE on Twitter (@TheCDSE) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheCDSE).