



THE NATION'S HOMELAND SECURITY EDUCATOR

Center For Homeland Defense And Security

Master of Arts Degree

This 18-month program is offered at no cost to eligible senior and fast-rising local, state, federal officials, and NORTHCOM sponsored officers with significant homeland security responsibilities. Designed to accommodate busy leaders, this program requires participants to be in residence only 2 weeks each quarter (for a total of 12 weeks). Participants complete the remainder of their coursework via network-based distance learning methods. The curriculum and research are focused on current policy, strategy, and organizational design challenges. Participants complete research papers and a thesis on actual policy development issues confronting their city, state, or sponsoring organization. Many research papers have been implemented by government agencies around the country. The program graduated its first class in June '04 and graduates approximately 30 officials every 6 months.

Executive Leadership Program

The Executive Leadership Program is a non-degree graduate-level program for the nation's most senior homeland defense and security leaders. There are a total of four one-week sessions over 12 months. The goal of this program is to enhance senior leaders' capacity to identify and resolve problems as well as to build networks among the nation's local, state, federal, and private sector homeland security officials. Participants consider complex issues and case studies. They work through problems and scenarios that enable them to strengthen working relationships across regions, agencies, and jurisdictional lines, and to develop innovative policies.



Mobile Education Team (MET) Seminar

MET seminars are intensive, half-day seminars designed for state governors, their homeland security teams and for major urban area leaders. They focus exclusively on enhancing the capacity of top government officials to address new homeland security challenges. Topics discussed in an interactive roundtable format include: Local/State/Federal Responsibilities and Coordination and Prevention; Intelligence Collection, Assessment, Dissemination and Information Sharing and Critical Infrastructure Protection.

Online Courses

Non-credit versions of CHDS Master's degree courses are available online. The courses are designed for homeland defense and security professionals who wish to enhance their understanding of key homeland security concepts and require the flexibility of self-paced instruction. NPS does not provide credit for the courses. Participants are encouraged to inquire with their professional associations regarding continuing education units/credits.

University and Agency Partnership Initiative

The partnership initiative increases the number and diversity of students receiving homeland security education by accelerating the establishment of high-quality academic programs nationwide. It provides an opportunity for all those engaged in thinking about and teaching homeland security to collaborate and to create an intellectual multiplier effect that furthers the study of homeland security. CHDS makes available through the partnership its curriculum, distance learning technology, Homeland Security Digital Library, and all other resources. In return, partners share their curriculum and specialized expertise with CHDS and other partners. This provides a cost-effective way to educate thousands of students nationwide by reducing the expense and difficulty of universities and agencies having to "reinvent the wheel" and build their own curricula and programs from scratch.

Homeland Security Digital Library

The Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL) is the nation's premier collection of homeland security policy and strategy related documents. It supports local, state and federal analysis and decision-making needs and assists academics of all



www.hSDL.org

disciplines in homeland defense and security-related research. It provides quick access to important U.S. policy documents, presidential directives, national strategy documents as well as specialized resources such as theses and reports from national universities, organizations as well as local and state agencies. The resources are reviewed and selected by a team of homeland security researchers and organized in a unique homeland security taxonomy. HSDL content includes state-of-the-art multi-media offerings and other valuable assets identified by CHDS master's degree participants and instructors.



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Homeland Security Affairs Journal

Homeland Security Affairs is the online journal of CHDS and is the nation's preeminent peer-reviewed journal, providing a forum to propose and debate strategies, policies, and organizational arrangements to strengthen U.S. homeland security. CHDS instructors, participants, alumni, and partners represent the leading subject matter experts and practitioners in the field of homeland security.

E-published quarterly, it captures the best of their collective work, as well as that of scholars and practitioners throughout the nation. These articles constitute not only the "smart practices" but also the evolution of homeland security as an emerging academic and professional discipline.



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Since 2002, the NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) has conducted a wide range of graduate education programs to assist current and future homeland security leaders develop the strategies, policies and organizational elements needed to defeat terrorism in the U.S. The programs are developed in partnership with and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Through graduate and executive-level coursework, seminars, and research, government leaders gain the analytical skills and substantive expertise to prevent, deter, and respond to terrorist attacks and to bridge gaps in interagency and civil-military cooperation. This is accomplished by bringing together a diverse range of senior officials to share perspectives and lay the foundation for long-term homeland security collaboration. All CHDS programs are designed to create a multiplier effect through the distribution of content, technology, research and other resources to universities and agencies that are building national preparedness.

CHDS Homeland Security Education Programs

- Accredited Master of Arts Curriculum in Homeland Security
- Mobile Education Team (MET) Seminars
- Executive Leadership Program
- Homeland Security Digital Library
- Homeland Security Affairs Journal
- University and Agency Partnership Initiative
- Online Courses
- Research Initiatives (addressing current challenges)

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TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES BY PROVIDING GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT MEET THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM LEADERSHIP NEEDS OF ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY.

CHDS Mission

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