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From the Desk of George Zolla, Director, Naval Postgraduate School San Diego Office

As Director of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) San Diego office, I often speak with potential students about the kinds of learning programs that will fit their busy schedules. With increased operational tempos and the many challenges faced by today's military, academic pursuits can seem impossible. In response, NPS is offering two new, entirely online distributed learning programs: the e-Fundamentals in Systems Technology certificate and a Master of Science in Computing Technology. NPS is offering personnel in Hawaii priority admittance for the 6 July 2005 start date in both of these programs. If you have access to the Internet, you can take these courses when it is convenient for you. These programs make it easy to take a break from basking in the surf and sun and focus on your education. Apply now - the application process can be completed online and tuition is free for the student. Prospective students with a bachelor's degree can apply for all programs. Those without a bachelor's degree are encouraged to apply for the eFIST certificate.

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Fundamentals in Information Systems Technology (eFIST)



This program is designed to enhance your knowledge and skills in the information technology field. Courses are web-based and delivered entirely online.

This program is open to all Navy and Marine Corps personnel ashore or afloat. Applicants without a bachelor's degree are encouraged to apply (command endorsement required). The certificate consists of the following courses:

- IS 2000:** Introduction to Information Technology Management
- IS 2020:** Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming using Microsoft Visual Basic .Net
- IS 2502:** Network Fundamentals

These fully accredited courses are taught by experienced NPS faculty and are available anywhere in the world: at home, on detachment, or at sea. eFIST courses are fully transferable for credit toward a bachelor's degree at many civilian universities and can be used as refresher courses for a Naval Postgraduate School Master of Science degree in Information Systems Technology.

If you are interested in becoming an eFIST student, please go to [eFIST online](http://www.nps.edu/eFIST) or email George Zolla (gazolla@nps.edu).

----- 6 July 2005 Start Date -----

Master of Science in Computing Technology (MCT)



This is a fully online Master's Degree program in Computing Technology (MCT). The program is open to all active duty Naval and Marine Corps Officers. This 16-course professional degree program is designed to provide flexible, high quality, technical graduate education. All courses are taught by experienced NPS faculty.

The MCT curriculum includes courses on computer science and technology, with a specialization in computer networks and critical infrastructure protection, networks, and software engineering. The MCT graduate will have the knowledge and skills necessary to specify, evaluate and manage computer system design, and the ability to provide technical guidance in the analysis and design methodologies appropriate for hardware, software and firmware used in the Navy.

If interested in applying for enrollment in this degree program, please complete and submit the [Student Information/Application form](#). Your application will be reviewed for enrollment eligibility and course availability. You will be contacted regarding the status of your application, and if approved, you will be provided with instructions for enrollment.

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OTHER DISTRIBUTED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH NPS

Courses are offered online, via video tele-education, or a combination of distributed learning instruction methods. Certain programs include limited in-residence instruction at NPS in Monterey. Program length varies from a few quarters to several years. NPS gives priority admittance to active duty unrestricted line officers, but programs are open to restricted line officers, enlisted personnel, and DoD civilians. Details are available online: <http://www.nps.edu/dl>.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Anti-Submarine Warfare
- Information Systems and Operations
- Information Systems Technology
- Space Systems

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Executive MBA
- Homeland Defense and Security Leadership Development
- Master of Science in Systems Engineering (MSSE)
- Systems Engineering Management / Product Development for the 21st Century