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## **NPS information assurance program among nation's elite**

### **University certified in all information security areas**

A government committee responsible for developing policy and guidance to protect information age critical infrastructure has identified the Naval Postgraduate School information assurance program as one of the nation's best.

The Committee of National Security Systems, through the National Security Agency (NSA) information assurance courseware evaluation program, has certified the NPS information assurance program against five national standards. John Stenbit, assistant secretary of Defense and chairman, Committee on National Security Systems, and Daniel Wolf, information assurance director of the National Security Agency, presented the certifications this month.

NPS is one of a select group of universities nationwide to qualify for five certifications. This includes certification for "Information Security Professionals," "Designated Approving Authority," "Systems Administrators in Information Systems Security," "Information System Security Officers," and "Systems Certifier." In all cases, the NPS courses meet and exceed the national training standards.

NPS is one of only ten universities engaged in the National Science Foundation Scholarship for Service program that is teaching new cadres of professionals who will join government service as cyberspace defenders of the nation's critical infrastructure and it has been designated a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance by the National Information Security Education and Training Program, led by NSA.

"These accolades validate the excellent program constructed through the dedication of the NPS Center for Information Security and Research (CISR) faculty and staff," said Prof. Cynthia Irvine, CISR director. "Through CISR, NPS has an unparalleled program in information assurance within the Department of Computer Science. Our program has breadth and, through our research programs, achieves technical depth. Courses and

research range from the inner workings of security hardware to information ethics and critical infrastructure protection.”

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Since first receiving the information system security professional certificate in 2000, NPS has issued more than 100 certificates for this standard to students completing the appropriate course work. With these new certifications, students completing additional course sequences are eligible for the additional certificates.

The Department of Computer Science within the Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences at NPS delivers graduate level education and conducts cutting-edge research in computer science, information science and technology, operations analysis, and special operations and related defense analyses. All programs are unique in that they include subject matter of military relevance not found at other universities.

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