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AFCEA Continuing Education Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Our Continuing Education (CE) program is designed to support certifications related to U.S. Federal Government requirements. Several WEST 2024 sessions will be reviewed by CompTIA, GIAC and/or CertNexus for continuing education. These sessions <u>may also support</u> (ISC)², National Contract Management Association (NCMA), Project Management Institute (PMI), GAGAS, and Defense Acquisition Workforce continuing education and/or certification maintenance requirements.

- 1. How do I identify symposium sessions approved for CompTIA CEUs, GIAC CPE, and/or CertNexus CECs? Approved sessions are noted on the reverse side of this flyer and will be included on the event website.
- 2. Will attendance documentation be available for all on-site approved sessions listed on the flyer? Sessions which last at least one hour will qualify so be sure to take the opportunity to ask questions of the speaker. Formal attendance documentation is only provided for current AFCEA members who had badges scanned for attendance purposes when exiting applicable in person, on-site sessions.
- 3. How do I prepare attendance documentation required by CompTIA, GIAC and/or CertNexus for online sessions or those in-person sessions for which AFCEA is not providing attendance documentation? You must prepare your attendance documentation using your name and registration receipt, the link to the session information, the event name, session name, session description and additional detail such as session length and speaker info. Please check with applicable certifying organizations for their specific requirements.
- 4. What if I need additional information about specific continuing education programs?



CompTIA allows individuals to keep their skills current and many of their certifications up to date without retesting by participation in CEU-qualified training activities. For details on CompTIA Continuing Education Program FAQs: https://certification.comptia.org/continuing-education/how-to-renew/earn-continuing-education-units.

AFCEA members can receive up to a 15% discount on Certification Vouchers at www.traintestcert.com



Each GIAC certification remains valid for 4 years. Two years after certification the renewal process will begin, and individuals must maintain their credentials through Continuing Professional Experience (CPE). If you are preparing your own attendance documentation GIAC advises, "please submit the [Certificate of Completion; Attendance Report; Email confirmation; Meeting Invite and Agenda] provided as your supporting documentation in the Community Participation category; Meeting subcategory by following the instructions available here: Submitting CPEs." You may also email cert-renewal@giac.org.



CertNexus exams expire 3 years from the date of certification. To recertify candidates can earn and submit continuing education credits (CECs) to recertify without retaking the exam. It is recommended that candidates begin recertification upon successful certification of each exam. Members must earn and submit the minimum number of CECs annually to maintain their certification. For more information on the CertNexus Continuing education program visit https://certnexus.com/education-and-training/cybersec-first-responder-cfr-continuing-education-program/.



Credential holders must earn the minimum number of Continuing Professional Experience (CPEs) annually during each year of the three-year certification cycle. Members must earn and submit the minimum *annual* number of CPEs to maintain their certification in "good standing." For more information visit https://www.isc2.org/maintaining-your-credential.aspx.



For information about Project Management Institute's program to maintain credentials visit: http://www.pmi.org/Certification/Maintain-Your-Credential.aspx.

GAGAS: Session content may also support GAGAS (Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards) Requirements for Continuing Professional Education. We recommend consulting with your supervisor to determine which sessions would help meet your individual requirements. A CPE hour may be granted for 50 minutes of participation in group programs and activities that qualify. http://www.gao.gov/assets/80/76894.pdf

√ Defense Acquisition Workforce: Members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce <u>may</u> qualify for continuous learning points (CLPs) for attendance at relevant sessions. https://www.dau.edu/training/clc/p/Creditable-Activities-and-Activity-Point-Values

Please check with your supervisor to confirm which sessions meet your training requirements.