

CERTIFICATION PATHWAY FACT SHEET

State Partnership Program (SPP) - Expert



Defense Security Cooperation University

Defense Security Cooperation Agency

Example Positions/Jobs

- *SPP Coordinators*
- *SPP Directors*
- *NGB Joint Staff (J5I)*
- *GCC Staff*
- *Bilateral Affairs Officers*

Functional Area Description

This functional area is focused on SC activities planned and conducted by designated members of the National Guard's State Partnership Program. The State Partnership Program (SPP) functional area enables the SCW to understand, implement, integrate, and sustain the State Partnership Program (USC Title 10, §341) as part of U.S. Security Cooperation in alignment with and support of U.S. foreign policy and security interests.

How will this better prepare you for your work?

The learner will be able to analyze the unique attributes of the DoD's State Partnership Program (SPP). They will understand how these attributes enable or constrain the management and administration of the program. The learner will recognize the interrelated aspects of SPP with other security cooperation authorities, programs, and stakeholders. The learner will also be able to understand the effect of law and policy on the implementation of the program and be able to advise SPP practitioners who are developing and executing SPP activities with foreign partners in support of U.S. national security goals and objectives.

Expert Certification Program of Study

Core Education and Training

Complete these **FOUR** courses:

CD 301 Capability Development for Experts

TSFD 301 Technology Security, Foreign Disclosure, and End-use Controls for Experts

PMA 301 Political-Military Activity for Experts

REG 301 Working Across Cultures for Security Cooperation Experts

Primary Functional Area Training

Complete these courses:

SPP 301 State Partnership Program Masterclass

Secondary Functional Area Training

Select **ONE** of the following per your supervisor's recommendation

PR 101 Foundational Policy and Resourcing

FMS 151 Foundational Foreign Military Sales (FMS)

SCO 103 Foundations of Security Cooperation Organization (SCO)

INT 1110 International Acquisition/Security Cooperation Foundation

BPC 150 Building Partner Capacity Foundations

ATE 140 Foundations of Advising for Institutional Capacity Building (ICB)

AME 150 Foundations of Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation

Validate in myDSCU

Leadership Training

Military: Submit "Military - SC Leadership Exemption Request"

Civilians: Submit "Civilian - SC Leadership Exemption Request" *or*

Complete LEAD 301 Lead People/Projects

Experience/ Performance Requirement

One year in a Security Cooperation Expert billet or satisfactory performance rating

Continuous Learning Hours: Complete 80 hours every 2 years after achieving initial certification