



CANADIAN FORCES COLLEGE

Located in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area, the Canadian Forces College (CFC) has played an important role in national and international senior officer education since its establishment as the Royal Canadian Air Force Staff College in 1943. CFC pledges to:

LEAD
our students by example.

EDUCATE
our students across a spectrum
of intellectual activities.

CHALLENGE
and stimulate the minds of
our students.

Vision

We are world leaders in defence and security education, research, and outreach, acting as the intellectual engine of the Canadian Forces and enhancing and sustaining the effectiveness of the Canadian Forces and of defence and security organizations within Canada and its alliances.

Mission

We prepare senior military and civilian leaders to meet the complex security challenges of the future.

Our Students

Our students are security and defence professionals from Canada and the world. They include senior military leaders, government executives and leaders in the private sector and academia. Students are selected based on their proven performance and potential for higher responsibility.



Our Faculty

The design and development of the curriculum for each programme is the purview of the College Faculty — a seamless organization that blends academic knowledge and intellectualism with the professional experience of its serving military and civilian members. The Faculty, with its potent combination of academic and professional military personnel, represents the “capstone” of curriculum design and development. It also represents a microcosm of the Defence Team ethic that pervades the entire College.



Our Facilities

The heart of the College's Toronto campus facilities is the Information Resource Centre (IRC). The IRC serves the College and the nation's defence studies community with two publicly acclaimed collections. **The War, Peace, and Security** database is a specialized collection focusing on a variety of subject areas: the Strategic and Operational Levels of War; leadership; ethics; peacekeeping; 20th century military history; military technology; and command and war-fighting. The collection includes over 120,000 volumes, some 870 periodical subscriptions, and over 3,000,000 USA and NATO reports on microfiche. **The War, Peace and Security** web server provides a road map to defence-related resources and average over 500,000 electronic visitors each month. The IRC also leverages its resources to provide, on behalf of the Canadian Defence Academy, access to full-text defence and security-related information to members of the Canadian Forces and the Department of National Defence via the Canadian Forces Virtual Library.



Our Outreach

CFC's Toronto campus facilities also house the Centre for National Security Studies (CNSS) which has been established to provide a forum for national security analysis in its broadest context.

Intellectually, the CNSS is a member of the family of national strategic studies and international affairs organizations, which are sponsored at the university level and participate in, and provide programmes and services to, senior members of federal, provincial, and private organizations. The aim of the CNSS is to foster the study and improved understanding of Canadian national security.



CFC—Saint-Jean Site

The Canadian Forces College Non-Commissioned Member Professional Development Centre (NCMPDC) is located on the campus of the Royal Military College Saint-Jean located in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec. The NCMPDC was created in order to centralize all senior non-commissioned members (NCM) joint leadership training, with the focus on maintaining the momentum of the *NCM Corps 2020* and all professional development improvements. The NCMPDC conducts a range of programmes and courses for senior non-commissioned members of the Canadian Forces.



CFC Programmes

The College provides joint advanced professional military education for officers of the Canadian Forces in a joint and bilingual environment. The College currently offers seven principle programmes of study:

National Security Programme (NSP):

The National Security Programme is a 10-month residential programme for selected security and defence professionals who are ready for employment as executive leaders of their respective institutions. The candidates are experienced security professionals who are highly motivated to share their knowledge with colleagues, to enhance their understanding of the strategic environment and to develop their executive leadership skills. Canadian Forces and International Officers of the colonel or naval captain rank, and Public Servants of EX-1 status are occasionally joined by leaders in industry to make up a diverse, engaging and knowledgeable class. Academically eligible candidates may undertake a Master of Arts in Security and Defence Management and Policy in conjunction with the National Security Programme.

Conducted annually from August to June, this programme of post-graduate studies will prepare participants for responsibilities as national security professionals at the strategic level.

Joint Command & Staff Programme (Residential) JCSP (Resid):

The JCSP Resid is a 10-month residential programme spanning one academic year, designed to prepare selected senior officers of the Defence Team at the major and lieutenant-colonel rank levels and naval equivalents for Command or Staff appointments in the contemporary/future operating environment across the continuum of operations. Academically eligible students may also undertake a Master of Defence Studies degree in conjunction with the JCSP (Resid).

Conducted annually from August to June, the focus of the programme is on joint campaign planning and war-fighting at the operational level.

Joint Command & Staff Programme (Distance Learning) JCSP (DL):

The JCSP DL mirrors the same curriculum as JCSP Resid. The DL programme spans two academic years and is divided into two parts, DL1 and DL2. Like its residential counterpart, the DL programme is designed to prepare selected senior officers of the Defence Team at the major and lieutenant-colonel and naval equivalent rank levels for command or staff appointments in the contemporary/future operating environment across the continuum of operations. Academically eligible students may also undertake a Master of Defence Studies degree in conjunction with the JCSP (DL).

DL1 is conducted annually from August to July and includes a two-week on campus session in the July timeframe. DL2 is conducted annually from August to June and also includes a two-week on-campus session, culminating in a combined capstone exercise and graduation/convocation ceremony with the graduates of the residential programme.

Canadian Security Studies Programme (CSSP):

Offered under the auspices of the CNSS, the two-week CSSP programme is held annually in the late spring. The focus is national security at the strategic level, in the context of various national and international issues. The programme provides an opportunity for senior Regular and Reserve Force officers, Public Service and industry leaders, and international participants to engage Canadian national security in a unique collegial atmosphere. Although participants are selected by National Defence Headquarters, the College solicits participation from other government departments at the federal, provincial and municipal levels and from defence-related industries.

Joint Staff Operations Programme (JSOP):

The JSOP is a 10-day, exportable programme which is offered twice in the early fall. It is a mandated course for captains, naval lieutenants, majors, and lieutenant-commanders who are, or will be, employed for the first time at operational-or strategic-level headquarters. The aim of the JSOP is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to function as junior staff officers at a joint or joint and combined headquarters at the operational level.

Executive Leaders' Programme (ELP):

The five-day ELP is conducted annually in the early fall for newly-promoted brigadier-generals and commodores and newly-appointed senior chief petty officers first class and chief warrant officers. The aim of the ELP is to provide insight into contemporary executive leadership.

Senior Appointments Programme (SAP):

The five-day SAP is conducted annually in the early summer and is conducted at the NCMPDC in Saint-Jean. The aim of the SAP is to narrow the knowledge gap between senior commanders and their NCM senior advisors, the chief petty officers first class and chief warrant officers and to develop the latter for higher institutional responsibilities in leadership, staff and senior advisory positions.

The SAP is designed in such a way to enrich the intellectual skills for those destined for higher appointments and to help them deal with problems of a conceptual and ambiguous nature as well as to achieve a better understanding of the challenges facing the contemporary command team.



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