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Most industry surveys will cite training and education as the most important need in security market today. Certifications are the hottest aspect of the training arena. But there is a literal maze of professional designations available for a variety of professional qualifications. How do you know which one will have the most impact on your career?

The table below displays many of the security certifications currently offered. The costs listed are for the exam only unless noted otherwise. Keep in mind that training classes and materials will significantly increase the cost in many cases. Refer to the provided links for details and specifics about each program.

American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS)		Go to site... http://www.asisonline.org
Certified Protection Professional		
CPP Click Here for info (3)	1 Exam (200+ Multiple Choice Questions) Eligibility: click here (1)	Approx. Cost: Non-refundable application fee: Members: \$200 Non Members = \$250 Testing: Members = \$300 Non Members = \$450 Retesting: Members = \$200 Non Members = \$250 Details: click here (2)
Professional Certified Investigator		
PCI Click Here for info (5)	1 Exam (200+ Multiple Choice Questions) Eligibility: click here (4)	Approx. Cost: Non-refundable application fee: Members: \$200 Non Members = \$250 Exam Fee: Members = \$300 Non Members = \$450 Details: click here (6)
Physical Security Professional		
PSP Click Here for info (7)	1 Exam (200+ Multiple Choice Questions) Eligibility: click here (8)	Approx. Cost: Non-refundable application fee: Members: \$200 Non Members = \$250 Exam Fee:

		Members = \$300 Non Members = \$450 Details: click here (9)
Construction Specification Institute (CSI)		Go to site... http://www.csinet.org/
Construction Documents Technology		
CDT Click Here for more info (22)	1 Exam: Multiple Choice, 100 questions. Time limit of 2-hours. 75 percent or higher required for passing.	2004 Rates*: Exam fee: \$220 Member Exam fee: \$330 Non-member Early Bird: \$165 Member Early Bird: \$275 Non-member Student rate: \$90 Click here (23) for details on rates for all CSI certifications. *Fee includes study guide.
Certified Construction Specifier		
CCS Click Here for more info (24)	1 Exam: Multiple Choice, 200 questions. Time limit of 4-hours. 75 percent or higher required for passing. Prerequisites: 1 CDT Certification Exam: Multiple Choice, 100 questions. Time limit of 2-hours. 75 percent or higher required for passing. Work History: 1) Within the last five years, candidate must have prepared, helped prepare, or coordinated the following: a) Bidding Requirements, b) Division 1 - General Requirements; 2) Within the last five years, candidate must have directly prepared specification sections actually used in construction Recommendation: Must provide references for two design professionals who will attest to the candidate	2004 Rates*: Exam fee: \$275 Member Exam fee: \$385 Non-member Early Bird: \$220 Member Early Bird: \$330 Non-member Click here (25) for details on rates for all CSI certifications. *Fee includes study guide.

	having at least five years experience in a construction design discipline (not including academic work).	
Certified Construction Product Representative		
CCPR Click Here for more info (25)	1 Exam: Multiple Choice, 200 questions. Time limit of 4-hours. 75 percent or higher required for passing. Prerequisites: 1 CDT Certification Exam: Multiple Choice, 100 questions. Time limit of 2-hours. 75 percent or higher required for passing. Work History: Candidate must have a minimum of 2 years experience in the representation of construction product(s) exclusive of academic preparation. Recommendation: Must provide references from a manufacturer or employer who will attest that the candidate has had at least 2 years experience representing construction product(s).	2004 Rates*: Exam fee: \$275 Member Exam fee: \$385 Non-member Early Bird: \$220 Member Early Bird: \$330 Non-member Click here (25) for details on rates for all CSI certifications. *Fee includes study guide.
Certified Construction Contract Administrator		
CCCA Click Here for more info (25)	1 Exam: Multiple Choice, 200 questions. Time limit of 4-hours. 75 percent or higher required for passing. Prerequisites: 1 CDT Certification Exam: Multiple Choice, 100 questions. Time limit of 2-hours. 75 percent or higher required for passing. Work History: Candidates strongly encouraged to have a minimum of 2 years experience in the construction administration	2004 Rates*: Exam fee: \$275 Member Exam fee: \$385 Non-member Early Bird: \$220 Member Early Bird: \$330 Non-member Click here (25) for details on rates for all CSI certifications. *Fee includes study guide.

	process.	
National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA) / National Training School (NTS)		Go to site... http://www.alarm.org
Certified Alarm Technician (Level 1)		
Level 1 Click Here for more info (10)	1 Exam: Two-hour, multiple choice examination 1 Training Requirement: Complete the 3-day Certified Alarm Technician course	Approx. Cost: Students pay the cost for training. Click here (10) to see which courses are necessary to receive the certification. Courses range from \$250-\$300 for Members and \$450-\$550 for Non-Members.
Certified Fire Alarm Technician		
Certified Fire Alarm Technician Click Here for more info (10)	Two Exams: a) two-hour, multiple choice examination (FAIM); b) one-hour, multiple-choice examination (LSC) Two Training Requirements: a) two-day Fire Alarm Installation Methods (FAIM) course; b) one-day Life Safety Code (LSC) course	Approx. Cost: Students pay the cost for training. Click here (10) to see which courses are necessary to receive the certification. Courses range from \$250-\$300 for Members and \$450-\$550 for Non-Members.
Advanced Alarm Technician		
Advanced Alarm Technician Click Here for more info (10)	Two Exams: a) two-hour, multiple-choice examination (ABAT); b) two-hour, multiple choice examination (FAIM) Two Training Requirements: a) two-day Advanced Burglar Alarm Technician (ABAT) course; b) two-day Fire Alarm Installation Methods (FAIM) course. Prerequisite: you must hold the Level 1 certification to obtain this advanced designation.	Approx. Cost: Students pay the cost for training. Click here (10) to see which courses are necessary to receive the certification. Courses range from \$250-\$300 for Members and \$450-\$550 for Non-Members.
National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET)		Go to site... http://www.nicet.org/
Fire Protection Programs		

<p>Automatic Sprinkler System Layout, Level I-IV Click Here for more info (11)</p>	<p>Exams: Multiple Choice, open-book exam based on job tasks. A time limit is imposed. Exam requirements vary based on Level desired. Work History: Provide sufficient appropriate work experience Performance Verification: Supervisor verification of job task competency. Recommendation: A personal recommendation is required at Levels III and IV. Click here (12) for details on all of the Certification Requirements.</p>	<p>The process of certification begins with an application</p> <p>Exam fee = \$180 For details on application review fees, certification maintenance fees and other misc. costs, click here (13)</p>
<p>Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems, Level I-III Click Here for more info (14)</p>	<p>Exams: Multiple Choice, open-book exam based on job tasks. A time limit is imposed. Exam requirements vary based on Level desired. Work History: Provide sufficient appropriate work experience Performance Verification: Supervisor verification of job task competency. Recommendation: A personal recommendation is required at Level III. Click here (15) for details on all of the Certification Requirements.</p>	<p>The process of certification begins with an application</p> <p>Exam fee = \$180 For details on application review fees, certification maintenance fees and other misc. costs, click here (13)</p>
<p>Special Hazards Suppression Systems, Level I-IV Click Here for more info (16)</p>	<p>Exams: Multiple Choice, open-book exam based on job tasks. A time limit is imposed. Exam requirements vary based on Level desired. Work History: Provide sufficient appropriate work experience</p>	<p>The process of certification begins with an application</p> <p>Exam fee = \$180 For details on application review fees, certification maintenance fees and other misc. costs, click here (13)</p>

	<p>Performance Verification: Supervisor verification of job task competency. Recommendation: A personal recommendation is required at Levels III and IV. Click here (18) for details on all of the Certification Requirements.</p>	
<p>Fire Alarm Systems, Level I-IV Click Here for more info (17)</p>	<p>Exams: Multiple Choice, open-book exam based on job tasks. A time limit is imposed. Exam requirements vary based on Level desired. Work History: Provide sufficient appropriate work experience Performance Verification: Supervisor verification of job task competency. Recommendation: A personal recommendation is required at Levels III and IV. Click here (19) for details on all of the Certification Requirements.</p>	<p>The process of certification begins with an application Exam fee = \$180 For details on application review fees, certification maintenance fees and other misc. costs, click here (13)</p>
<p>Low Voltage Electronic Communication Systems</p>		
<p>Video Systems (Now under development)</p>	<p>More information coming soon!</p>	
<p>National Systems Contractors Association (NSCA)</p>		<p>Go to site... http://www.nasca.org/</p>
<p>Certified Electronic Systems Technician Program</p>		
<p>C-EST Click Here for more info (20)</p>	<p>1 Exam: Multiple Choice, 100 question exam based on EST Levels 1, 2 and some of 3. Performance Verification: required to complete a hands-on performance verification component. Experience: 4,000 hours (or 2 years). Click here (20) for details</p>	<p>Exam fee is \$275. The exam will be offered on a regional basis. Click here (20) for exam dates.</p>

	on all of the Certification Requirements.	
Registered Electronic Systems Integrator		
R-ESI Click Here for more info (21)	<p>Training: NSCA project management course and 120 hours of "electives" with not more than 40 hours from one of the following: audio, video, telephony, data networking, intra building communications, security/life safety, integrated automation and computer programming to sit for exam.</p> <p>1 Exam: Multiple Choice, 100 question exam. (R-ESI).</p> <p>Experience: 8,000 hours (or 4 years).</p> <p>Click here (21) for details on all of the Certification Requirements.</p>	The first R-ESI exam will be available at the 2005 NSCA Systems Integration Expo®.

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