

# Critical Infrastructure Protection Certificate

## Goal - Advance Professional Growth and Career Development

### Goal Description:

The online Graduate Certificate in Critical Infrastructure Protection is catered to working professionals currently in the public or private sectors responsible for various assets and components of the nation's critical infrastructure. The certificate provides an opportunity for students to advance professional growth and career development while maintaining their occupational responsibilities.

**Providing Department:** Critical Infrastructure Protection Certificate

### RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

### Learning Objective 1.1 Critical Infrastructure Risk Management

#### Learning Objective Description:

Students will develop specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to critical infrastructure protection as part of the homeland security enterprise.

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

### ICF 1.1.1 Critical Infrastructure Risk Management

#### Indicator Description:

Students will learn to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view by participating in online discussions on course readings and complete a course research paper assignment.

#### Criterion Description:

Successful completion of course assignments with a minimum score of 80%.

#### Findings Description:

100% of certificate students enrolled in SCST 6362 (n=4) successfully completed course with minimum score of 80% (B) or better.

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

### Action - Critical Infrastructure Risk Management

#### Action Description:

Criterion met - In the 2024-2025 assessment cycle, learning objectives from another required certificate course will be evaluated.

## Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

### Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

#### Closing Summary

Enrollment for the Critical Infrastructure certificate program will be monitored.

Direct methods of assessment will be identified.

### Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

Enrollment for the Critical Infrastructure certificate program has been monitored. Because the certificate is comprised of approximately half of the coursework required for the MS in Security Studies, most students declare the certificate in their final term, making enrollment tracking challenging.

Successful completion of assignments from required coursework has been identified as a direct method of assessment in place of prior IDEA survey scores.

## **New Plan for Continuous Improvement Item**

### **Closing Summary:**

Enrollment will continued to be monitored in the Critical Infrastructure certificate program, with an emphasis on identifying certificate students prior to their final term.

Indicators will be identified in other certificate courses and added to the assessment plan.