



CER-101: Certification Equivalencies – 26 April 2019

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the nature of INCOSE Certification equivalencies and the regulations governing the execution of equivalencies.

Applicability

Equivalency may be granted toward INCOSE's ASEP and CSEP certification levels, not toward ESEP. Streamlined paths may also be offered where some but not all requirements for a certification level are recognized as equivalent.

Equivalency will not be given to programs that are primarily offered as for-profit entities, such as professional training providers. It is reserved for credit-granting academic programs, professional societies, and government agencies.

Programs perceived by the CAG to represent competition with INCOSE's Certification Program will not be approved for equivalency.

Retroactive equivalency (for individuals who achieved their equivalent degree or certification prior to the recognition of that program as equivalent) are generally not given.

Definitions

Academic Equivalency – A relationship between credit-earning university coursework and the INCOSE Certification knowledge requirement, such that a student who earns sufficient scores in courses approved by INCOSE, and meets administrative requirements, will be allowed to bypass the INCOSE knowledge exam in seeking ASEP or CSEP certification.

Policy Content

The primary objectives of INCOSE Certification equivalencies are:

- To recognize paths to INCOSE Certification other than the primary path through INCOSE Central;
- To encourage use of the INCOSE Systems Engineering Handbook in the university classroom;
- To promote INCOSE as the premier professional society for systems engineering; and



- To enable obtainment of INCOSE Certification through demonstration of knowledge and experience in languages other than English.

INCOSE Certification equivalencies may be granted toward the following Certification requirements:

- Knowledge of the INCOSE Systems Engineering Handbook, through documentation of an alternate way to measure knowledge of the published INCOSE certification learning objectives;
- Qualifying, technical education;
- Systems Engineering experience of sufficient breadth and depth;
- Systems Engineering experience confirmation, provided by someone familiar with the candidate's work.

The review of a program's successful achievement of these equivalencies is performed by the INCOSE Certification Advisory Group (CAG).

Responsible Position

Services Director

Related Policies

CER-100: CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

SUPERSEDES: None (new policy)

APPROVED BY: INCOSE Board of Directors, Indianapolis, IN, 26 April 2019

POLICY OWNER (RACI Responsible R): Associate Director for Certification

MAINTAINED BY (RACI Accountable A): Services Director