

Counterterrorism (CT) Stage II Academy

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Pilot Session	09/24/2007 - 10/31/2007	40 SA's
2nd Session	06/23/2008 - 07/18/2008	35 SA's
3rd Session	09/29/2008 - 10/24/2008	postponed

CT Stage II Academy course was designed to develop the skills of CT-designated SAs during the second phase of career development.

Student evaluations from pilot indicated:

- ♦ course was inordinately long
- ♦ some instruction modules were duplicates of NAT modules or basic
- ♦ material presented was not relevant to daily job responsibilities
- ♦ lecture and power point were overused

Curriculum was subsequently revised by [REDACTED]

- ♦ course shortened to four (4) weeks
- ♦ emphasis placed on making the level of elevating instruction level
- ♦ focus on: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- ♦ students selected from choice of specialized topics for discussion s

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Student evaluations from 2nd iteration indicated:

- ♦ CTC portion was similar to NAT instruction or that which could be accomplished remotely via Virtual Academy
- ♦ [REDACTED] modules were not advanced
- ♦ [REDACTED] could be shortened and still provide value
- ♦ DT instruction should be augmented to more than 3 days
- ♦ course length should be maximum of two (2) weeks
- ♦ students require assistance primarily with:
[REDACTED]
advanced case development/management;
case studies by Agents; and
instructors who are members of IC.
- ♦ Academy requirement to continuously change classroom locations, not conducive to learning process

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Remedial action taken by [REDACTED] since the completion of the second session:

- ♦ removed CTC instruction modules from CT Stage II Academy curriculum

- ◆ incorporated CTC portion into [REDACTED]
- ◆ [REDACTED]
- ◆ postponed CT Stage II Academy session scheduled to begin 09/29/2008 until curriculum can be further revised
- ◆ committed to augmenting DT portion of training

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In conclusion, the CT Stage II Academy pilot was held from 09/23-10/31/2007 in which 40 students participated. Curriculum modifications were made and incorporated into the 2nd iteration, which occurred 06/23-07/18/2008 in which 35 students participated. A 3rd iteration was scheduled for 09/29-10/24/2008 for 40 students, however, it has been postponed so that further revisions to the curriculum can be made prior to it being presented again.

The curriculum changes which are in the process of being made to the CT Stage II Academy are to ensure the curriculum encompasses material appropriate for the audience and in accordance with the CT SACP. The CTC instruction portion has been removed from the CT Stage II Academy curriculum and has been made a part of the International Terrorism: Origins & Ideologies course, which will be open to Agents, Analysts, SOS and other personnel who have a need for it. It is a part of the second phase of the CT SACP.