

What is National Staff College?

National Staff College (NSC) is Civil Air Patrol's senior-level, capstone course in professional development. NSC is designed to provide accomplished field-grade officers with the executive leadership experiences necessary to develop national-level policy and effectively manage programs at the wing, region, and national levels.

What will I learn from NSC?

The National Staff College curriculum includes study in a wide array of subjects, including:

- Executive leadership
- Principles of organizations
- Problem solving
- Group dynamics
- Interpersonal communications
- Strategic planning
- Executive management of resources
- CAP mission accomplishment at the national level

Each day at NSC is a careful balance of lectures, seminar discussions and team activities.

National Staff College is taught by highly-qualified professors and senior-level instructors from Air University, as well as executive leaders from private industry, the United States Air Force, and Civil Air Patrol. These instructors are selected based on their proven leadership ability and expertise in their chosen field.

Will attending NSC help me?

Leading volunteers is an especially unique challenge, requiring CAP leaders to balance their career and family needs with the needs of the unit

and mission. NSC can help *you* enhance your leadership abilities.

National Staff College will provide you with the leadership and management tools to help you in CAP and in your own career.

In addition, National Staff College is a requirement for earning the Gill Robb Wilson Award, CAP's highest award for professional development.

Will attending NSC help me at work?

Absolutely! The leadership, communication, and executive management skills taught at National Staff College are in great demand by employers in all industries, and are available to you at a fraction of the commercial cost.

Is NSC affordable?

With tuition of only **\$125**, National Staff College is a terrific investment in your career development. Commercial educational programs equivalent to National Staff College can cost hundreds, even thousands of dollars! All course materials and social activities are included in the tuition. There are additional fees for on-base lodging and meals. You must provide your own transportation to and from NSC.

Am I eligible to attend?

You must be an active CAP officer in the grade of Major or above, and have attended CAP's Region Staff College (or equivalent). *Commanders at all echelons are especially encouraged to apply.*

How do I apply?

Applying for National Staff College is simple. Submit a CAP Form 17, ***Application for CAP Senior Member Activities***, through your unit commander to wing headquarters (or region headquarters if on region staff) for wing endorsement. Send the completed, approved application to the address below, along with the \$125 tuition fee:

National Staff College
HQ CAP/NSC
105 South Hansell Street
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332
Fax: 334-953-6891

**Application deadline
15 September 2007**

When you are selected for National Staff College, the NSC Director will send you an acceptance via E-mail with all the information you need.

For more information:

See CAPR 50-17, ***Senior Member Professional Development Program***, Chapter 7, or ask your unit or wing Professional Development Officer.

See our website at www.cap.gov/nsc

*I'd like to personally invite you to attend the
2007 National Staff College at Maxwell AFB,
Alabama.*

-Lt Col Peggy Myrick, CAP
2007 NSC Director

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