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Authorized by Title 10, United States Code 1746, and chartered by DoD Directive 5000.57, the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) was established on August 1, 1992. Its mission is to provide practitioner training, career management, and services to enable the DoD Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (AT&L) community to make smart business decisions and deliver timely and affordable capabilities to the warfighter.

Using the AT&L Performance Learning Model (PLM) as a template, the university coordinates education and training programs to meet the career-long training requirements of more than 134,000 DoD AT&L personnel. DAU provides a full range of basic, intermediate, and advanced curriculum training as well as assignment-specific and continuous learning courses to support the career goals and professional development of the DoD AT&L workforce. But DAU's role does not end when a student leaves the classroom. The university also fosters professional development through performance support, rapid deployment training on emerging acquisition initiatives, online knowledge-sharing tools, and continuous learning modules. This catalog provides information on all of these areas as well as DAU's other products and services such as strategic partnerships, publications, and research in areas related to acquisition functions.

Each DoD AT&L functional area is represented by a functional integrated product team (FIPT) composed of senior-level officials of the DoD components and led by Functional Advisors. These teams advise the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) (USD(AT&L)) on career development issues and recommend mandatory training, education, and experience required for their respective functional areas. DAU Program Directors work in conjunction with the FIPTs to identify performance outcomes for various career levels and incorporate them into DAU courses. The military services and Defense agencies assist in managing the accession, training and education, and career development of their respective DoD AT&L workforce members.

The Chief Executive Officer of the university is the President, who reports to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology. The President serves as the Chief Learning Officer for AT&L. A Board of Visitors—individuals selected for their preeminence in academia, business, and industry—advises the USD(AT&L) and the DAU President on matters such as organizational management, curricula, methods of instruction, and facilities.



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Workforce Management

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