



Chapter 1

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU)

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The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) provides mandatory, assignment-specific, and continuing education courses for military and civilian acquisition personnel within the Department of Defense. Its mission is to provide the acquisition community with the right learning products and services to make smart business decisions. Authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1746 and chartered by DoD Directive 5000.57, the DAU was established on August 1, 1992.

The DAU coordinates acquisition education and training programs to meet the training requirements of more than 140,000 DoD acquisition personnel. As the DoD corporate university for acquisition education, the DAU sponsors curriculum and instructor training to provide a full range of basic, intermediate, advanced, and assignment-specific courses to support the career goals and professional development of the Acquisition Workforce.

Each DoD acquisition functional area is represented by a Functional Integrated Product Team (FIPT), comprised of senior-level acquisition 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 Chief Executive Officer of the University is the President, who reports to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Reform (DUSD(AR)). A Board of Visitors, individuals selected for their preeminence in academia, business, and industry, advises the President and the DUSD(AR) on matters such as organizational management, curricula, methods of instruction, and facilities. The Executive Institute consists of members from the Services and defense industry, an International Chair, and Visiting Professors, who provide advice and counsel to faculty, staff, and students in their respective areas of expertise. The Service Chairs also act as liaisons between the Services and the University.

The DAU Executive Board advises the USD(AT&L) on Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) implementation in the career development of the AT&L Workforce. The Director, Acquisition Education, Training and Career Development (AET&CD) develops policy for the implementation of the DAWIA through the DAU.

In addition to providing curriculum-based training, both in the classroom and via the Internet, the DAU fosters professional development through publications, symposia, research and consulting in areas related to the acquisition functions.



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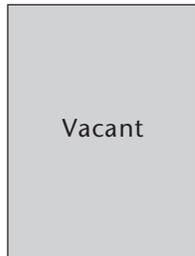


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