



# Press Release



## INCOSE Approves Agreement Renewal with Drexel University

**SAN– DIEGO (December 14, 2023)** – The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) has approved the renewal of the Academic Equivalency agreement with Drexel University. Drexel was first recognized with Academic Equivalency in 2019 and has recently renewed with a streamlined course requirement for its students. These courses are recognized as meeting the certification knowledge requirement toward Associate Systems Engineering Professional (ASEP) and Certified Systems Engineering Professional (CSEP) certification.

Students who do well in university courses that have been assessed to have Academic Equivalence (AcEq) are allowed to bypass the certification knowledge exam when applying for ASEP and CSEP Certification. The assessments they complete through their coursework have been recognized by the INCOSE Certification Program’s reviewers as an equivalent alternative to the standardized test developed by INCOSE. Academic Equivalency coursework may be offered in any language.

Richard Grandrino, systems engineering program director in Drexel College of Engineering said, “Being part of INCOSE’s Academic Equivalency program has enhanced our offering to students giving them the chance to secure an ASEP or CSEP qualification. Students earning a Master of Science degree in systems engineering and/or a graduate certificate in systems engineering, also earn SEP certification through INCOSE. This is an added benefit for our students, as it helps them stand out in the competitive marketplace.”

Courtney Wright, INCOSE Certification Program Manager, said, “I am delighted to see Drexel University renewing their agreement with INCOSE and expanding the course list it covers. Universities adopting Academic Equivalency show commitment to offering their students from diverse engineering programs a systems engineering education aligned with the INCOSE Systems Engineering Handbook. This will benefit the global systems engineering community by establishing a baseline of common knowledge that can be translated and applied in a variety of domains and communities.”

Members of INCOSE’s Academic Council are eligible to offer Academic Equivalency upon recognition by the INCOSE Certification Program. Candidates who apply through AcEq must still meet all other INCOSE certification requirements, including individual membership and payment of application fees.

Any university wishing to participate in this program needs to be a member of the INCOSE Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) or the local INCOSE chapter equivalent. There are no additional fees associated with securing Academic Equivalence for CAB members. Universities that are members of local chapter affiliates have a low-cost path to participate in the Academic Equivalency program.

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Drexel University courses qualify students to meet the knowledge requirement for ASEP and CSEP Certification. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3xpiOQv>

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## Notes to Editors:

### About the International Council on Systems Engineering

The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) is a not-for-profit membership organization that promotes international collaboration in systems engineering practice, education, and research. INCOSE's mission is to "address complex societal and technical challenges by enabling, promoting and advancing systems engineering and systems approaches." Founded in 1990, INCOSE has more than 65 chapters and over 20,000 members and associates worldwide. For additional information about INCOSE visit [www.incose.org](http://www.incose.org).

### About the INCOSE Systems Engineering Professional Certification

Certification is a formal process whereby a community of knowledgeable, experienced, and skilled representatives of an organization, such as INCOSE, provides confirmation of an individual's competency (demonstrated knowledge, education, and experience) in a specified profession. Certification differs from licensing in that licenses are permissions granted by a government entity for a person to practice within its regulatory boundaries. Certification also differs from a "certificate" that documents the successful completion of a training or education program.

### Additional links and content on this topic:

<https://www.incose.org/systems-engineering-certification/certification-agreements/equivalency-programs>

<https://www.incose.org/certblog/certification-blog/2022/01/21/it-s-not-what-you-teach-it-s-what-you-assess>

<https://www.incose.org/certblog/certification-blog/2022/01/28/ace-the-class-skip-the-exam>

INCOSE Corporate Advisory Board: <https://www.incose.org/incose-member-resources/corporate-advisory-board>

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