College of Naval Warfare

Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics

The Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics is a specialized elective track for students in the Stockdale Leader Development Concentration (SLDC) that increases their capability and capacity for senior leadership. Students are given priority enrollment in Leadership and Ethics electives and will produce a well-researched, faculty-mentored professional paper on contemporary leadership and organizational challenges faced by the Navy and joint force.

Eligibility

This graduate certificate program is available for resident students including U.S. military, civilian federal
employees (GS14-GS15, or equivalent), and international students who have been selected for the International Master
of Arts Program.

Location & Duration

 This 10-month specialized elective track is completed in conjunction with the U.S. Naval War College core curriculum. SLDC participants must enter in the fall trimester. Students are taught at the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) in Newport, Rhode Island.

Learning Format

 The Stockdale Leader Development Concentration uses the cohort construct. Courses are conducted in seminar format. Students also complete a faculty-mentored professional paper during the academic year.

Outcome

Students in this specialized program are awarded a graduate certificate, along with four additional credits. In addition, students will produce a well-researched, faculty-mentored professional paper on contemporary leadership and organizational challenges faced by the Navy and joint force. They will return to the Joint force ready to lead change amidst complexity by applying innovative advanced leadership and organizational concepts and practices.

General Program Overview

Professional Paper or Article | Ongoing, Required

Complete a high quality, faculty mentored, professional paper on contemporary leadership and organizational challenges faced by the Navy and joint force.

Course Requirement | Ongoing, Required
Students in the Stockdale Leader Development Concentration (SLDC) meet as a cohort in weekly seminars to study
advanced leadership concepts with College of Leadership and Ethics faculty. The "Leadership in the Profession of Arms"
core course is validated by SLDC participation.

Electives in Leadership and Ethics | Student Selected Electives, Required Students receive priority enrollment in "EL 592 Foundations of Moral Obligation," aka "The Stockdale Course" in the fall trimester and "EL 649B Cognitive Readiness" in the winter trimester.