

HISP Overview

This is the only integration course that provides practical education on the integration of best practices for Information Security Management, Information Systems Auditing and multiple Regulatory Compliance requirements and how to map multiple regulatory requirements to the internationally accepted best practices framework of ISO/IEC 27002:2005 and the ISO/IEC 27001:2005 standard. The class covers the mapping of ISO/IEC 27002:2005 with COBIT, COSO and ITIL then explains a methodology to map regulations such as HIPAA Security, FFIEC, GLB Act, FISMA (NIST 800-53/FIPS 200), Sarbanes-Oxley Act (Security), FACT Act, PCI Data Security (Visa CISP), California SB-1386, Canadian Bill C-198, OSFI, PIPEDA, PIPA, PHIPA to the ISO 27002:2005 framework.

Since it's launch in March 2005, this unique certification course has been promoted by the local chapters of ISSA (Information Systems Security Association) and ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association) and this class earns 35 CPE's for each attendee.

Students will gain the knowledge to help their organizations or clients implement processes, procedures and policies, for a solid information security governance program, compliant with the requirements of ISO/IEC 27002:2005 and ISO/IEC 27001:2005 certification plus compliance with applicable regulations. Students will also be provided the option of taking the HISP certification test on the final day of the class.

We have gained a lot of traction with our HISP certification course. As a testament to the success and value of this certification course, in 2005, we delivered a private onsite HISP class to one of the largest Financial Services company in the world, involving about 30 of there Information Security Officers. All their information security officers have achieved HISP Certification.

The Atlanta office of Jefferson Wells, a Manpower company providing professional services in the areas of internal audit, technology risk management, tax, and finance and accounting sent over 15 of their Technology Risk Management consultants on our public HISP Courses, over an 18 month period ending in 2006.

Last year we delivered a private onsite HISP class to Microsoft Windows Live (MSN) in Redmond, Washington, involving 20 of their employees including their Internal Audit staff, Legal Department, IT department, Product department, and Information Security department.

Also, beginning August 2006, BSI Management Systems in Reston, Virginia and Toronto, Canada started to host our HISP classes at their facilities, in a partnership capacity. Most of BSI's ISO 27001 Product Champions in North America are now HISP certified, including their ISO 27001 and ISO 20000 Product Manager for the Americas. Ultimately BSI wants to get all their Associate Consultants HISP certified.

We are also in the process of creating a tailored "HISP for Government" course curriculum specifically covering the Federal standards such as FISMA, DITSCAP, NIACAP, NIST and FIPS, with a view to making our HISP certification more attractive to Government sector including DOD, Federal as well as State Government.

We successfully held 4 public and 1 private HISP classes in Atlanta in 2005, we held a number of public and private classes in 2006 and have already scheduled over 40 public classes and a number of private/onsite classes for 2007.

We are in the process of translating the HISP Course into other languages such as French, Spanish and Portuguese.

What organization manages the HISP Certification?

Beginning January 2007 - the **HISP Institute**, an independent non-profit organization; consisting of volunteers working for major corporations and organizations such as Turner Broadcasting/CNN, The Coca Cola Company, Motorola, ING, BSI Americas, Interface Corporation, Jefferson Wells, Microsoft Corporation, Georgia State University, and CVS/pharmacy.

Do the 35 CPE credits go towards CISSP, CISM and CISA?

Attending the 5-day HISP Certification Course qualifies you for 35 CPE from ISACA.org (CISA/CISM) and ISC2.org (CISSP), mainly based on the content of the courseware. We have an arrangement with local chapter of ISACA who issue CPE Certificates for our HISP classes.

Who are the Instructors?

All Instructors are True Practitioners - No Lecturers. Their Bios can be found at the bottom of the following link, under "Instructor Biographies": <http://www.hispcertification.org/>

What does the HISP Examination consist of and how is it administered?

The HISP Examination consists of 100 multiple-choice questions and remains open book; the time allotted is strictly 2 hours.

The questions are taken from the 500 slides in the Courseware. Roughly 80% of the questions are based on the ISO 27002 section of the HISP curriculum and the remaining 20% focused on the rest of the HISP curriculum.

Currently, to pass the HISP Examination, you must achieve a score of 75%. The failure rate has been very low. If you comprehend the material covered during the class, the examination shouldn't be terribly difficult.

The HISP Examination is administered on the final day of the class, shortly after lunch break.

How widely accepted is the HISP Examination?

The HISP Examination constitutes part of the HISP Certification Course, which has been endorsed by British Standards Institute (BSI) Americas. BSI is the world's leading Standards and Certification organization.

The HISP Examination has been developed through the joint effort of strategic partners and the HISP Certification Board, which is represented by a number of CISOs, ISOs, and Technology Risk Management Directors from major companies.

When would I get certified?

Attendees who pass the HISP Certification Examination will receive a e-mail notification within 2 weeks of taking the examination and if successful, will receive their HISP Certificate within 2 weeks of receiving this e-mail notification.

How many Certified HISPs to date?

There are currently just over 100 Certified HISPs worldwide. This number is set to grow to 1000 by 2008, this certification course is positioned to become a differentiator amongst other industry leading certifications, because it proactively addresses a very critical gap in the market.