

# CFO Leadership Certificate



Lead 21st Century Government

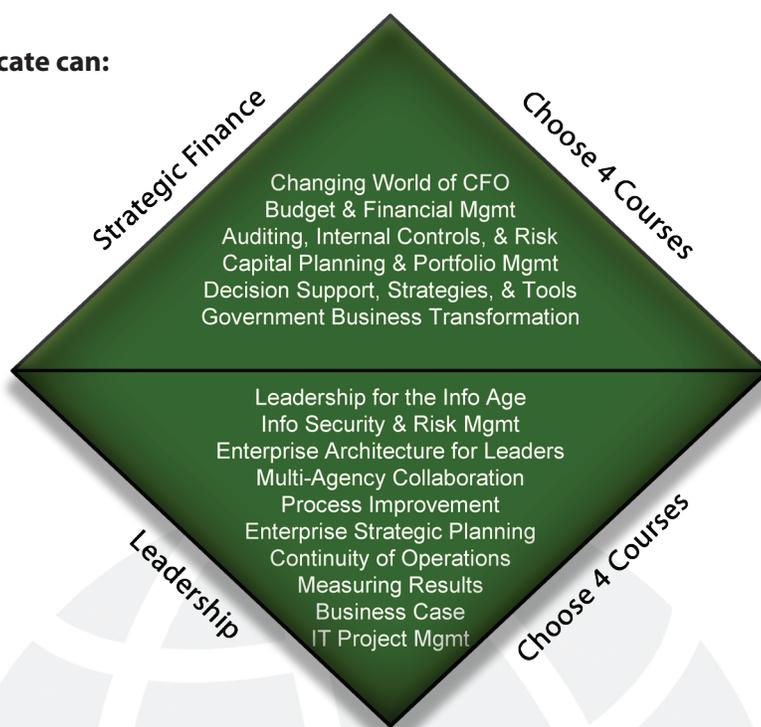
Master Financial Strategies

Link Decisions to Outcomes

The Information Resources Management (IRM) College of National Defense University, with the sponsorship of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, created the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Academy. The academy, located on NDU's campus at Fort Lesley J. McNair (Washington DC), offers leadership courses toward the CFO Leadership Certificate. With endorsement from the Federal CFO Council, the certificate program is designed to develop the next generation of leaders in government financial management. This new certificate leverages the IRM College's current leadership courses while concentrating on the challenges and opportunities facing members of the government financial community, including personnel who work in accounting and finance, budget and cost analysis, auditing, and resource management.

## Successful graduates of the CFO Leadership Certificate can:

- Lead within and across organizational boundaries by leveraging financial management strategies, policies, and processes.
- Link critical decisions regarding resources, people, processes, and technologies to mission performance, business outcomes, and financial system security requirements.
- Balance continuity and change in the development, implementation, and evaluation of financial management strategies, processes, and policies, while meeting legislative and executive mandates.
- Commit to on-going leadership development of self and others in their organizations.



Curriculum Map

Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, rank/grade of O-5 or GS-14 or equivalent, three years of financial management experience, and documented knowledge of financial management.

Nomination letters from CFOs or other senior financial executives must address the applicant's leadership potential and attest to his or her knowledge of financial management as evidenced by undergraduate or graduate degrees in a business field, C.P.A., or Certified Government Financial Management or Certified Defense Financial Management. Information on the program and application processes, and enrollment in applicable courses can be found on the college's website: [www.ndu.edu/irmc](http://www.ndu.edu/irmc).

\*The IRM College anticipates that the new CFO Certificate will be worth 15 graduate credit hours toward selected Master's and Doctoral Degrees at academic partner universities across the U.S. (currently working on partnerships for this program).

The IRM College is a global learning community for government's most promising information leaders.

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## The Information Resources Management College (IRM College)

Located at Fort Lesley J. McNair on the Washington, DC waterfront, the Information Resources Management College (IRM College) is one of five graduate-level colleges that comprise the National Defense University. The IRM College educates Department of Defense, federal agency, private sector, and international students in the following critical information management and leadership areas:

- Information Assurance and Information Operations
- Chief Information Officer Competencies
- Chief Financial Officer Competencies
- Information Technology Project Management and IT Acquisition
- Enterprise Architecture
- Organizational Transformation, Homeland Security, and Domestic Preparedness
- Government Strategic Leader

Strategic Leader Development - Prepare leaders to direct the information component of national power by instructing them on ways to leverage information and information technology for strategic advantage.

Learning that is Current, Timely, and Future-Focused - Focus the curriculum on tools, strategies, trends, and best practices to prepare managers and leaders to envision and create the future.

Just for You - Enroll managers from DoD (military and civilian), federal government agencies and organizations, foreign defense ministries, and the private sector.

Wherever you are - Provide education in a variety of formats, including classroom (eResident) and on-line.

### Graduate Credit or Professional Development

Students can attend the IRM College to earn a graduate-level certificate, (which is accepted by a number of academic partner universities toward Master's or Doctoral study) or use their graduate credit toward the college's Master's Degree (currently seeking approval from the U.S. Department of Education). Students can also choose to attend for professional development (PD) purposes.

### Other Educational Services

The IRM College offers seminars, symposia, and special programs to meet our stakeholders' needs. For government departments and agencies that require a customized approach, or whose students do not meet the IRM College's graduate admission criteria, the College is able to offer tailored "education in context" programs.



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