

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program

The National Standard Exercise Curriculum

THE NATIONAL STANDARD EXERCISE CURRICULUM (NSEC)

The National Standard Exercise Curriculum (NSEC) is a current effort to unify curricula in exercise program management, design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning across the country. The NSEC strategy involves providing guidance to Federal, State, tribal, and local jurisdictions and the private sector concerning the exercise and training curricula, workshops, and briefings. The goal of NSEC is to create a national standardized exercise curriculum and to provide additional exercise training and reinforcement guidance to stakeholders as needed.

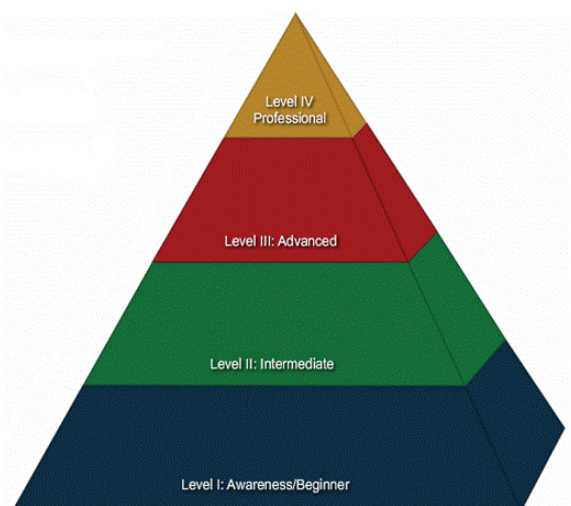
NSEC OBJECTIVES

- Establish planning guidance to align coursework into a national standardized exercise curriculum
- Ensure consistency across all exercise training curricula in accordance with National Incident Management System and the National Preparedness Goal
- Shape future efforts in exercise training and course development
- Provide a clear path for students to become a beginner, intermediate, and ultimately a master, exercise practitioner
- Integrate HSEEP into the Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP)

NSEC CURRICULUM, COURSE LEVELS, AND TARGET AUDIENCE

The NSEC curricula includes courses for various levels of exercise personnel, from exercise beginners to experienced professionals. The target audience of most courses are the Exercise Planning Team Leaders and Exercise Program Managers, however there are also several courses available for Exercise Planning Team Members, Controllers/Facilitators, Evaluators, and Senior Officials.

- **Level I — Awareness / Beginner:** FEMA Independent Study (IS) Courses, to include IS-120, IS-130, is-139
- **Level II — Intermediate:** HSEEP Mobile Course Modules 1-7
- **Level III — Advanced:** State-offered "G" courses, to include G-130, G-135, G-137, G-139
- **Level IV — Professional:** Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/cec/>



For more information, please visit the NSEC website at <http://hseep.dhs.gov/NSEC.htm>