



National Defense College of the Philippines

*The Government's premiere
institution for education, training
and research on defense and
national security*





National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP)

about ndcp



Since 1963, the NDCP has pursued its vision to be the center of excellence in educational and policy development for strategic and dynamic leaders in national defense and security.

The mission of the NDCP is to prepare and develop potential national security leaders for high positions of responsibility and command, and undertake research and special studies geared toward the enhancement of national defense and security policy formulation and decision-making at the strategic level.



Master in National Security Administration Program

The Master in National Security Administration (MNSA) is a one-year full-time government-funded graduate program consisting of 39 units earned through various forms of lectures, thesis writing, as well as local and foreign field studies. Guided by a holistic approach to national security and development, with emphasis on resource management, the NDCP follows a curriculum that integrates the political, economic, socio-cultural, techno-scientific, environmental, and military dimensions of national security. The program also includes modules on leadership, national security administration, and global security and cooperation.

The MNSA is open to qualified military officers, civilian government officials, and private sector leaders. Those admitted to the MNSA program are full scholars of the government. Civilian graduates have the privilege of being commissioned Lieutenant Colonels or Commanders in the Reserve Force, AFP. Moreover, the Career Executive Service (CES) eligibility process required for the CES eligibility has been integrated within the MNSA program.

qualifications for admission

To qualify for admission in the MNSA scholarship program, applicants must meet the following basic requirements before they go through the MNSA Admission test.



For Uniformed Officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP):

- Must have a bachelor's degree;
- Must be a Command & General Staff Course (CGSC) graduate or its equivalent in the PNP;
- Must not be more than 51 years old upon admission for those retiring at 56 years old or 30 years of service, whichever comes later with exemption for those retiring at 60 years old or 30 years of service whichever comes earlier;
- Must be nominated by their respective Major Service Commanders and
- Must submit the following documents:
 - a. Recent 2x2 ID picture
 - b. NDCP Registrar Forms 1-5
 - c. PSA Original Birth Certificate;
 - d. Endorsement letter from respective Major Commands;
 - e. Original Transcript of Records;
 - f. Certified true copy of Diploma/s;
 - g. Latest Officer's Evaluation Report (OER);
 - h. Security Clearance from J2 (Expiry is one year upon admission, if expired already, forms may be downloaded from our website);
 - i. Command Clearance;
 - j. Unit Clearance and Certification of non-pending case;
 - k. CHR clearance;
 - l. Medical Certificate from a military or government hospital; and
 - m. Certificate of Commitment to support the Global Security and Development Study (GSDS) and Thesis by the Major Service Commander.

For Civilian Government Officials and Philippine National Police (PNP):

- Must have a bachelor's degree.
- Must be holding at least the position of Section Chief with salary grade 24 or its equivalent;
- Must have at least ten (10) years of service in government (for appointed officials);
- Must not be less than 35 years old, but not more than 55 years old upon admission;
- Must be nominated by the Secretary of the Department or the Head of Agency; and
- Must submit the following documents:
 - a. Recent 2x2 ID picture
 - b. NDCP Registrar Forms 1-5
 - c. PSA Original Birth Certificate;
 - d. Endorsement letter from respective agencies;
 - e. Original Transcript of Records;
 - f. Certified true copy of Diploma/s;
 - g. Latest Appointment Paper;
 - h. Latest Performance Evaluation Report (1 year);
 - i. Service Record;
 - j. Certificate/s of training/seminars attended;
 - k. Security clearance from J2/PHS;
 - l. Medical Certificate from a military or government hospital;
 - m. Certificate of Commitment by the nominating Dept. Secretary or Head of Agency to fully support financially the Global Security and Development Study (GSDS) and Thesis; and
 - n. Clearances:
 - Non-pending case from respective organizations;
 - Ombudsman;
 - Sandiganbayan;
 - Police;
 - Barangay;
 - NBI;
 - RTC; and
 - CHR

For Private Sector Executives:

- Must have a bachelor's degree;
- Must not be less than 35 years old, but not more than 51 years old upon admission;
- Must hold key or executive position at the policy and decision-making level of any of the following: (a) vital and leading industries in the country; (b) reputable non-government organizations dedicated to social, economic, or cultural activities that impact on national policy formulation; and (c) prestigious academic institutions of higher learning; and
- Must submit the following documents:
 - a. Recent 2x2 ID picture
 - b. NDCP Registrar Forms 1-5
 - c. PSA Original Birth Certificate;
 - d. Endorsement Letter from Head of the Organization or Board;
 - e. Original Transcript of Records;
 - f. Certified true copy of Diploma/s
 - g. Certificate of Employment;
 - h. Registration of the company or the organization from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
 - i. Current SEC certificate;
 - j. Latest audited financial statement of the company
 - k. Company Profile;
 - l. Income Tax Returns (ITR) of the Applicant;
 - m. Corporate Income Tax Returns;
 - n. Security clearance from J2, AFP with PHS;
 - o. Medical Certificate from a military or government hospital;
 - p. Certificate of Commitment by the nominating Chair or President to fully support financially the Global Security and Development Study (GSDS) and Thesis; and

Clearances:

- Non-pending case from respective organizations;
- Ombudsman;
- Sandiganbayan;
- Police;
- Barangay;
- Mayor;
- NBI;
- RTC; and
- CHR

For Military Officers from Foreign Countries:

- Must have a bachelor's degree;
- Must be nominated by respective unit Armed Forces through the Ambassador of the country;
- Must pass the Test on English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or its equivalent;
- Must be a graduate of Command and General Staff Course;
- Must be at least LtColonel/Commander or its equivalent rank;
- Must not be more than 51 years old upon admission;
- Must secure a multiple entry, 9-e visa at their corresponding and/or nearest Philippine Foreign Service Post, prior to arrival in the Philippines, and
- Must submit the following documents:
 - a. Recent 2x2 ID picture
 - b. NDCP Registrar Forms 1-3
 - c. Nomination by Armed Forces through the Ambassador of the country;
 - d. Original Transcript of Records;
 - e. Certified true copy of diploma from foreign country and Staff College or its civilian equivalent course;
 - f. Service record;
 - g. Brief description of current position;
 - h. Certificate/result of TOEFL exam;
 - i. Autobiographical essay; and
 - j. Certificate of Armed Forces commitment to support the Global Security and Development Study (GSDS) and Thesis.
 - k. Security clearance from respective Armed Forces





Known for its motto of “where admission is an honor,” the NDCP has produced 2,227 graduates comprising of national security leaders across the sectors since 1963.

The distinguished list of alumni is led by no less than the 12th Philippine President Fidel V Ramos; Vice President Jejomar C Binay; Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP); Cabinet Secretaries; Senators; Members of the House of Representatives; Supreme Court Justices; and fifty three (53) dignitaries from foreign countries.

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