

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & CORE PLUS DEVELOPMENT GUIDE BUSINESS – COST ESTIMATING LEVEL I

Type of Assignment	Representative Activities
Cost Estimator	Relates the processes of life cycle cost estimating within the context of materiel system acquisition in the Department of Defense

Core Certification Standards (required for DAWIA certification)	
Acquisition Training	ACQ 101 Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management
Functional Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BCF 103 Fundamentals of Business Financial Management ● BCF 106 Fundamentals of Cost Analysis ● BCF 107 Applied Cost Analysis (R) ● EVM 101 Fundamentals of Earned Value Management
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Baccalaureate degree (any field of study) ● 3 semester credit hours from a calculus course ● 21 semester credit hours in any combination of the following fields of study: operations research, economics, mathematics, chemistry, physics or other sciences where the utilization of advanced mathematical skills in geometry, trigonometry, statistics, probability, and/or quantitative analysis
Experience	2 years of acquisition experience in cost estimating

Core Plus Development Guide (desired training, education, and experience)	Type of Assignment
Training	Cost Estimator
CLB 014 Acquisition Reporting Concepts and Policy Requirements	✓
CLC 005 Simplified Acquisition Procedures	✓
CLM 016 Cost Estimating	✓
CLV 016 Introduction to Earned Value Management	✓
CLV 017 Performance Measurement Baseline	✓
CLV 018 Earned Value and Financial Management Reports	✓
CLV 019 Estimate at Completion	✓
CLV 020 Baseline Maintenance	✓
Education	
Baccalaureate degree in engineering, statistics, or other math intensive field of study	
Experience	
2 years of acquisition experience in Cost Estimating	

Notes:

- 1** The Core Certification Standards section lists the training, education, and experience REQUIRED for certification at this level.
- 2** "(R)" following a course title indicates the course is delivered as resident based instruction.
- 3** When preparing your IDP, you and your supervisor should consider the training, education, and experience listed in this Core Plus Development Guide if not already completed.