

Information For Course DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-NR

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School: 212 Location: 6500 MAPES ROAD, FT MEADE, MD
Course: DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-NR Phase: 1
Course Title: PA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGY QUALIFICATION
Academic Hours: 0 DL Academic Hours: 263
Military Career Development Crs Completion (Resident):
Military Career Development Crs Completion (DL):

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Class Schedule

FY: 2026 School: 212 Course: DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-NR Phase: 1 Course Length: 24 Weeks 0.0 Days
Course Title: PA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGY QUALIFICATION
Class Maximum: 144 Class Optimum: 144 Class Minimum: 50

Class	Prereqs	Report Date	Start Date	End Date	Capacity	Class Type	Street	City	State	Zip
010	View	14 Oct 2025	14 Oct 2025	31 Jul 2026	133	Correspondence Course				

Classes that have been nonconducted or cancelled or rescheduled have been excluded

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Course Scope And Special Information

 Currently Effective 2022-02-06

Course Scope:

PACS-Q provides entry-level public affairs training for the Department of Defense, U.S. government agencies, and selected foreign military professionals. Instruction focuses on the foundational elements of the communication planning process, principles and techniques associated with implementing effective communication strategies, and the processes involved in integrating communication into military planning and operations.

Special Information:

Waivers of prerequisites must be obtained from the Commandant, DINFOS, in writing, prior to arrival. Students arriving without acceptable prerequisites are subject to disenrollment and return to parent unit.

Information for School 212, Last Updated 12 Jul 2024

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Prerequisites For Course DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-NR

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Prerequisites Set(s)

Title	Effective Start Date	Effective End Date	Valid Fiscal Year(s)
DINFOS-PAQC-ADL-NR	2021-09-03	N/A	2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029

Verifiable Prerequisites

Prerequisite Item	Value(s) or Range	Constraint
Course Security Clearance	Y - NONE	Required

Prerequisite Courses

There are no Prerequisites in the Prerequisite Courses section. See other sections.

Text Prerequisites

Requests for waiver of prerequisites must be routed through the appropriate career field manager to the DINFOS Commandant and must be approved prior to the student's acceptance into training.USA: Officer: O-3 through O-4 (All others require an Exceptions to Policy (ETP) approved by ARMYPublic Affairs Center (APAC). Must have completed Officer Basic Course before submitting into ATRRS. Must meet height and weight standard IAW AR 600-9. Must pass Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) prior to graduation. Enlisted Active: All NCOs attending PAQC require an APAC ETP E-7 through E-8 Must have completed required PME level; approved by APAC; control branch 46.Enlisted Army National Guard Bureau (NGB): E-8 through E-9 All NCOs attending PAQC require an APAC ETP; endorsed by NGB, approved by APAC. Enlisted Army Reserve (USAR): E-8 through E-9All NCOs attending PAQC require an APAC ETP; endorsed by USAR, approved by APAC. APAC is approving authority for Army waivers. d Active: E-7 through E-8 - Must have completed required PME level; validated by APAC; control branch 46. Must meet height and weight standard IAW AR 600-9. Must pass Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) prior to graduation from the residence course.Civilian: GS-7 and above - Civilian employees assigned to CP22 in the grade of GS-7 and above, APAC is approving authority for Army waivers. USAF: Officer: O-1 through O-5 - Officer must have 35X - Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC)Enlisted: E-7 through E-9 - Enlisted must have 3N0XX AFSC, with Secretary of the Air Force/Public Affairs (SAF/PA) concurrence.Civilian: GS-7 and above - 1001, 1020,1035, 1060, 1071and 1084 seriesUSN: Officer: O-1 through O-4Enlisted: E-5 through E-9 - Enlisted must be a Mass Communication Specialist .Civilian: GS-7 and above - Includes interns. All must be in a public affairs field (GS-1035, 1082, 1083, and 1087 or 0301 with CHINFO approval).USMC: Officer: O-1 through O-4Enlisted: E-6 select and above - Must have Military Occupational Specialty 43XX, 45XX or 46XX. Civilian prerequisites are based on their billet description and authorization from HQMC PA.USCG: Officer: O1 - O5 - Prerequisites are based on their billet description and authorization from Coast Guard 092.Enlisted: E-5 through E-8 - Prerequisites are based on their billet description and authorization from Coast Guard 092.Civilian: Must be a U.S. Government employee working in PA career field (GS-1035).International: International students attending this course must serve in a public affairs position in the military, in the grade or civilian equivalent of O-1 to O-5, have an English Comprehension Level (ECL) of 85; obtain a 2+/2+ on the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI); possess basic typing skills; and have a solid understanding of English language usage, grammar and syntax. Requests for a waiver of prerequisites must be in writing routed through the Security Assistance Training Field Activity (SATFA) and approved by the DINFOS Commandant prior to acceptance into training.Interagency: Must be a U.S. Government employee working in the public affairs (PA) career field (GS-1035).

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Information For Course DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-R

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School: 212 Location: 6500 MAPES ROAD, FT MEADE, MD
Course: DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-R Phase: 2
Course Title: PA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGY QUALIFICATION
Academic Hours: 82 DL Academic Hours: 0
Military Career Development Crs Completion (Resident): CYF - PA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGY QUALIFICATION
Military Career Development Crs Completion (DL):

View Course Prerequisites

Class Schedule Nonconducted Classes Cancelled Classes Rescheduled Classes View

Class Schedule

FY: 2026 School: 212 Course: DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-R Phase: 2 Course Length: 2 Weeks 0.0 Days
Course Title: PA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGY QUALIFICATION
Class Maximum: 48 Class Optimum: 48 Class Minimum: 24

Class	Prereqs	Report Date	Start Date	End Date	Capacity	Class Type	Street	City	State	Zip
010	View	23 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	03 Sep 2026	133	Resident	6500 MAPES ROAD	FT MEADE	MD	207555600

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Course Scope And Special Information

Currently Effective 2024-10-29

Course Scope:

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Prerequisites For Course DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-R

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Prerequisites Set(s)												
Title	Effective Start Date	Effective End Date	Valid Fiscal Year(s)									
 DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-R	2021-03-13	N/A	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	

Verifiable Prerequisites

There are no Prerequisites in the Verifiable Prerequisites section. See other sections.

Prerequisite Courses

Students Must:

Be Attending, or be Graduated from course: DINFOS-PACS-Q-DL-NR Phase : 1 (PA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGY QUALIFICATION) *.

* The prerequisite course class must end on or before the report date of the class for which the student is enrolling.
Note: This rule does not apply if the course has Select Code BA, or if the prerequisite course has Select Code BA, or is self-paced training such as correspondence or web.

Text Prerequisites

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Officer: O-1 through O-4 - O-1 must have completed Officer Basic Course before submitting into ATRRS. Must meet height and weight standard IAW AR 600-9. Must pass Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) prior to graduation from the residence course.
Enlisted Active: E-7 through E-8 - Must have completed required PME level; validated by APAC; control branch 46. Must meet height and weight standard IAW AR 600-9. Must pass Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) prior to graduation from the residence course.
Enlisted NGB: E-8 through E-9 - Non-control branch 46 filling valid CMF 46 position; endorsed by NGB, validated by APAC. Must meet height and weight standard IAW AR 600-9. Must pass Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) prior to graduation from the residence course.
Enlisted USAR: E-8 through E-9 - Non-control branch 46 filling valid CMF 46 position; endorsed by USAR, validated by APAC. Must meet height and weight standard IAW AR 600-9. Must pass Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) prior to graduation from the residence course.
Civilian: GS-7 and above - Civilian employees assigned to CP22 in the grade of GS-7 and above, APAC is approving authority for Army waivers.

USAF:
Officer: O-1 through O-5 - Officer must have 35X - Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC)
Enlisted: E-7 through E-9 - Enlisted must have 3N0XX AFSC, with Secretary of the Air Force/Public Affairs (SAF/PA) concurrence.
Civilian: GS-7 and above - 1001, 1020,1035, 1060, 1071and 1084 series

USN:
Officer: O-1 through O-4
Enlisted: E-5 through E-9 - Enlisted must be a Mass Communication Specialist .
Civilian: GS-7 and above - Includes interns. All must be in a public affairs field (GS-1035, 1082, 1083, and 1087 or 0301 with CHINFO approval).

USMC:
Officer: O-1 through O-4
Enlisted: E-6 select and above - Must have Military Occupational Specialty 43XX, 45XX or 46XX.
Civilian prerequisites are based on their billet description and authorization from HQMC PA.

USCG:
Officer: O1 - O5 - Prerequisites are based on their billet description and authorization from Coast Guard 092.
Enlisted: E-5 through E-8 - Prerequisites are based on their billet description and authorization from Coast Guard 092.
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