



## Professional Military Education

**Soldier/Noncommissioned Officer Qualification Training.** Five courses are taught by five Total Army School System (TASS) chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) battalions. Additional information, including scheduled dates and times, for the following courses is available on the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) Web site at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/>:

- **74D10 (Transition) Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Course.** This is a four-phase course (formerly the Reclassification Course). Phase I is provided through distributed learning (dL). Phases II–IV consist of resident training conducted at the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School (USACBRNS), Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; and Soldiers can now complete them consecutively. This course is expected to be reduced to three phases in mid-2009.
- **74D Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC).** This is a four-phase course. Phase I, which is common to all MOSs, is offered as resident training at various locations. Phases II–IV consist of 74D-specific resident training at USACBRNS.
- **74D Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOC).** This is a three-phase course. There is no dL portion; the entire course is provided through classroom instruction at USACBRNS.
- **CBRN Defense Course.** This course is conducted by TASS battalions at various locations.
- **Joint Biological Point Detection Systems Course.** This course (formerly the Biological Integrated Detection System Course) is conducted by TASS battalions at various locations.

The code for TASS CBRN courses within ATRRS is R031 (previously B031), and all 74D TASS training is listed in the “Region R” screen. This should make it easier for Soldiers to schedule MOS-specific training.

The TASS Training Center is now operational at Fort Leonard Wood. The U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) plans to build an equipment set to alleviate availability issues.

**Officer Training.** The Reserve Component Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Captain’s Career Course (RC-CMC3) is a five-phase course. Phases I and II are provided through dL. Phase IV is currently under development. Phases III and V are two-week resident training conducted at USACBRNS. Phase III is branch-specific, focusing on CBRN and biological-agent effects, defense concepts, radiological operations, toxic-agent training, and hazmat awareness training. The successful completion of Phase II is a prerequisite for Phase III attendance. Training also includes the opportunity for certification at the hazmat awareness and operations level. Phase V consists of a computer-aided exercise that includes Joint Warning and Reporting Network Maneuver Control System training and culminates in a military decision-making process exercise using state-of-the-art battle simulation equipment. Two iterations of Phases III and V will be offered during Fiscal Year 2009—early spring and summer.

If you are a field grade Reserve Component (RC) officer and want to transfer into the Chemical Corps, contact the USACBRNS Deputy Assistant Commandant–Reserve Component (DAC-RC) for specific branch qualification information. You should also plan to attend the Joint Senior Leader’s Course at Fort Leonard Wood and complete the RC Senior Officer Course via dL. The Joint Senior Leader’s Course is a four-day course that offers outstanding presentations; training at the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Decontamination Training Facility (CDTF); and the opportunity to interface with attendees from across the services.

## Domestic Response Casualty Decontamination, CERFPs, and CST Training

The following training is available for USAR and Army National Guard (ARNG) Soldiers:

- **Mass Casualty Decontamination Course.** The USACBRNS offers a ten-day Mass Casualty Decontamination Course (School Code 031, Course 4K-F25/494-F-30), which is appropriate for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives-enhanced response force package (CERFP) and domestic-response casualty decontamination team members. In addition, CERFP members may complete the class to obtain operations level training.
- **CBRN Responder Course.** Anyone requiring hazmat technician level training may complete the CBRN Responder Course (School Code 031, Course 4K-F24/494-F29). The ten-day course is appropriate for CBRN consequence management response force members requiring hazmat technician certification. You may also complete the course to obtain hazmat operations level training.
- **Civil Support Skills Course.** This eight-week course (School Code 031, Course 4K-F20/494-F28) is typically attended by ARNG civil support team (CST) members, but members of all services and components may attend. Students receive advanced training in hazmat technician and incident command and CBRN survey, point reconnaissance, and sampling



operations in support of an incident commander at a weapons of mass destruction incident. The course provides training in command, control, and communications operations; personal protective equipment selection and use; and individual decontamination procedures. It also provides specialized training on a variety of military and commercial CBRN detection equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus certification. This course contains practical application and field training exercises and culminates with a situational training exercise.

## Instructor Concerns

Instructors at Fort Leonard Wood have reported increasing concerns about Soldiers reporting with the following problems:

- **Incomplete/missing preexecution checklist (PEC).** The PEC (dated April 2007) must be complete and accurate. It is collected during inprocessing and must be signed by the unit commander. Units that send a Soldier to training without a PEC must provide one within seventy-two hours of the course start date.
- **Failure to complete dL courseware.** The 74D10 Phase I dL course, which takes about forty hours to complete, is a prerequisite to the Phase II resident course. Phases I and II (dL) of RC-CMC3 take about eighty hours to complete and are prerequisites to the Phase III resident course. Due to time constraints, students cannot complete dL courses while attending resident phases—there is simply not enough time.
- **Missing optical inserts for the M40 protective mask.** Training in the CDTF is a mandatory graduation requirement for all 74D training (74D10, BNCOC, and ANCOC). Students must have vision (aided or unaided) of at least 20/40 in one eye to be allowed into the CDTF for training. Because glasses and contacts cannot be worn in the CDTF, students **must** bring optical inserts from their home stations.
- **Missing or invalid profile.** Soldiers with a permanent profile must submit Department of the Army (DA) Form 3349, *Physical Profile*, during inprocessing; Blocks 12 and 16 (physician's information and approving authority) must be complete. Temporary profiles are unacceptable.

Unit-level training noncommissioned officers or points of contact with questions or concerns may contact the school representative by accessing the C3 screen in ATRRS. If no representative is available, contact Ms. Karen Campbell, 3d Brigade (Chemical), telephone: (860) 570-7117, email: <karen.a.campbell@usar.army.mil>.

## USACBRNS RC Personnel

**Drilling individual mobilization augmentee positions.** There are twenty authorized drilling individual mobilization augmentee positions throughout USACBRNS, with twelve officer slots (O-3 through O-5) and eight noncommissioned officer slots (E-7 through E-9). The mission is to expand the USACBRNS training base in the event of full mobilization. We currently support and train the RC-CMC3. Our goal is 100 percent manning with qualified instructors. If you are ready to join our team, contact us!

**Instructor and writer opportunities.** There are USACBRNS administrative active duty for operational support opportunities available for MOS 74-series RC instructors and writers in grades E-5 through E-7 and O-2 through O-4. E-mail Master Sergeant Mark Vasquez at <margarito.vasquez@us.army.mil> if you are interested.

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