

# LIFE LONG LEARNING STRATEGY

## OVERVIEW

**SSD** is mandatory web-based training that continues throughout a Soldier's career and is closely linked to and synchronized with institutional and experiential learning.

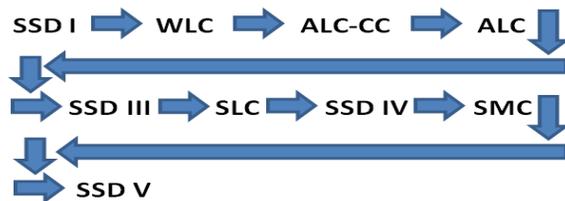
**SSD** will bridge the operational and institutional domains and set conditions for continuous growth. When fully implemented, SSD will improve Army readiness by integrating self-development into a lifelong learning approach.

**SSD** program links self-development needs to NCO professional development efforts by ensuring that the self-development domain is well defined, meaningful, and synchronized/integrated into the leader development process.

**SSD** is asynchronous and exists in four levels. It is supported by a robust self-assessment and feedback process, the increased use of advance technology like the Army Career Tracker (ACT), a secure test environment, achievable requirements, and policies that set the conditions for professional growth.

**SSD** is a centrally managed set of specified content that must be completed within specified career points as a prerequisite for attendance at Warrior Leader Course (WLC), Senior Leader Course (SLC), and Sergeants Major Course (SMC).

## CAREER PATH



## SSD I

### (PRIVATE – SPECIALIST/CORPORAL)

- SSD I tasks are primarily focused at the team level and common leader and tactical skill
- 4 Modules; 33 Lessons
- Effective 1 FEB 13 soldiers will be enrolled in SSD I automatically upon completing Basic Combat Training (BCT) / One Station Unit Training (OSUT)
- 1 APR 13, Soldier's must complete SSD I prior to enrolling for or attending Warrior Leader Course (WLC)

## ALC-CC

### (SERGEANT (P) – STAFF SERGEANT)

- Advanced Leadership Course – Common Core (ALC-CC) tasks are focused on preparing unit and subordinate elements for peace and wartime missions and contingencies
- 5 Modules; 28 Lessons
- There is not an SSD level between Warrior Leaders Course (WLC) and SSD III
- (ALC-CC) is in lieu of SSD II
- Scheduled through ATRRS by unit Training NCO

## SSD III

### (SERGEANT(P) –SERGEANT FIRST CLASS)

- SSD III tasks are primarily focused at the platoon level
- 4 Modules; 25 Lessons
- Sergeants(P), Staff Sergeants and Sergeants First Class will be enrolled in SSD III automatically upon completion of all phases of ALC
- Effective 1 FEB 13, all Sergeants and Staff Sergeants who were graduates of ALC or BNCOE were automatically enrolled in SSD III
- Effective 1 JUNE 13, completion of SSD III is a prerequisite for attendance of initial or any follow on phases of SLC

## SSD IV

### (STAFF SERGEANT (P) – MASTER SERGEANT / FIRST SERGEANT)

- SSD IV tasks are primarily focused at the battalion level
- 4 Modules; 13 Lessons
- Effective 1 FEB 13 all Soldiers who have completed SLC but not the Sergeant Majors Course will be automatically enrolled into SSD IV
- Effective 1 JUN 13, completion of SSD IV is an enrollment prerequisite for the Segeant Majors Course

## SSD V

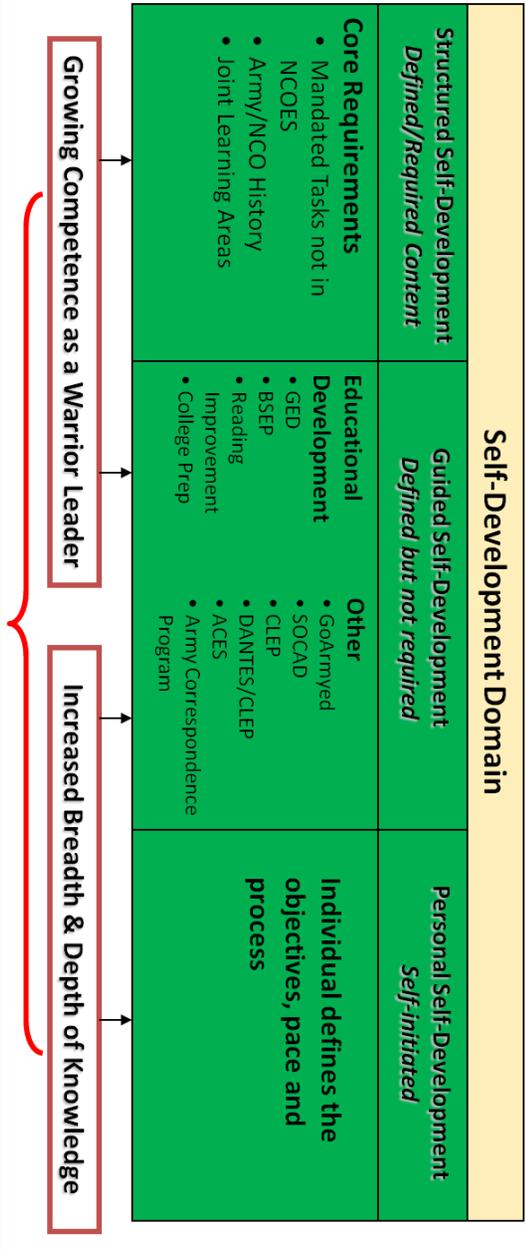
### (MASTER SERGEANT(P) – SERGEANT MAJOR / CSM)

- SSD V tasks are primarily focused at nominative and joint staff levels
- 3 Modules; 22 Lessons
- Effective 1 FEB 13, Master Sergeants(P) and Sergeants Majors will be enrolled automatically into SSD V upon completion of the Sergeant Major Course or its equivalent.
- Beginning 1 JUN 13, completion of SSD V is a prerequisite to be considered for nominative and joint assignments.

## REFERENCES

- ALARACT 288/2010 Structured Self-Development (SSD) Governance
- ALARACT 216/2012 Structured Self-Development (SSD) Prerequisites for NCOES
- ALARACT 346/2012 Structured Self-Development (SSD) Enrollment Policy

Support The Life Long Learning Strategy by bridging the operational and institutional domains and set conditions for continuous growth



# REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

From the AKO login—  
<https://www.us.army.mil/>

Sign into AKO using either your CAC or with your AKO username and password.

Select—Self Service—My Training

Once on the My Training webpage click on the ALMS logo.

Select state code—LA—proceed

Under Current Enrollments—Click on your SSD enrollment—Register

Step-By-Step instructions can be downloaded from the GeauxGuard.com website which can be accessed from any personal computer. The site also contains useful tips on completing the modules as well as instructions on how to set up your computer if you experience issues.

[www.GeauxGuard.com](http://www.GeauxGuard.com)



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 SSD Mission Statement:

Responsible for promoting, designing, developing, delivering, and maintaining Distributive Learning (dL) and Interactive Multimedia Instruction (IMI) products for Structured Self-Development (SSD) and NonCommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) that will fully engage the Soldiers cognitively; Providing a blended learning environment for our active duty, reserve, and guard personnel; Providing IMI courseware that NCOs can use anytime and anywhere in the world; Preparing Soldiers to meet the challenges of the Contemporary Operational Environment (COE); Developing effective, adaptive, agile, and critical thinking Soldiers for the Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN).