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EDUCAUSE Cybersecurity Program CPE Principles

The Higher Education Information Security Council (HEISC) has established a number of working groups and committees to pursue projects and initiatives that are part of a coordinated strategy for higher education. These working groups and committees offer HEISC volunteers many opportunities for information-sharing, professional development, and networking. EDUCAUSE recognizes that participation in HEISC projects may be seen as credit-earning activity for continuing professional education (CPE) for a number of industry security certifications (e.g., CISSP, CRISC, CISM, CIPP, etc.). To that end, the EDUCAUSE Cybersecurity Program has developed the following principles to help volunteers claim CPE credit related to their HEISC participation:

- HEISC volunteers are expected to know and follow the CPE policies of their certifying organizations. The underlying certifying organization is the authoritative source for determining whether a particular HEISC volunteer activity is allowable for claiming CPE credit.
- HEISC volunteers are expected to self-report their HEISC volunteer hours for CPE credit. The EDUCAUSE Cybersecurity Program does not report HEISC volunteer hours to any certifying organizations.
- EDUCAUSE Cybersecurity Program staff understands that certifying organizations occasionally audit self-reported CPE credit hours.
- *Upon notification that a certifying organization has initiated an audit of self-reported HEISC volunteer hours,* EDUCAUSE Cybersecurity Program staff will validate HEISC volunteer hours for CPE credit for the following HEISC volunteer activities:
  - o Preparing original material for the *Information Security Guide*
  - o Presenting a session or preconference seminar at the EDUCAUSE Security Professionals Conference
  - o Serving as a mentor through the EDUCAUSE Cybersecurity Program
  - o Serving on the HEISC Advisory Committee or the EDUCAUSE Security Professionals Conference Program Committee
- In the event that a CPE validation must be made based on activities not easily verified (e.g., number of volunteer hours or number of hours spent preparing materials), EDUCAUSE will make this certification based on good-faith recognition of the HEISC volunteer's time and contributions to HEISC. EDUCAUSE may consult with other HEISC volunteer members and Advisory Committee members as needed to make such a certification.