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## Stockton College Announces Second Cohort of Certificate Program in Homeland Security

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The second cohort of the Certificate in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness, offered by the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, will begin on **Saturday, November 6, 2010**.

In January of 2009, Stockton College developed a certificate program in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness in response to regional needs in the area of infrastructure protection and emergency management. In April of this year, the first cohort completed the certificate program.

The 135-hour curriculum is a blended format that utilizes online and classroom based instruction. The certificate program consists of 29 hours classroom-based and 106 hours online instruction. "The blended format is well-suited for working professionals," explained Cynthia Sosnowski, associate dean of the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies. Participants will engage in classroom-based learning once every six weeks and further their study through interactive online instruction between classroom sessions.

The Certificate in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness is approved by the NJ Department of Labor for displaced workers to use Individual Training Account (ITA) grants to pay for the training program. According to Dr. Jibey Asthappan, an assistant professor of criminal justice at Stockton College, homeland security continues to be a national priority.

The program will give members of the law enforcement, emergency services, veterans, corporate and public health communities the tools they need to prepare and respond to domestic and foreign threats against our homeland and to respond in emergency situations, whether natural or manmade. The program is unique because it is designed to meet the challenges of both public and private sector personnel.

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In addition to a core course in Homeland Security, the program includes courses in Terrorism, Infrastructure Protection, Sectorized Security, and Psychology of Homeland Security.

For more information about the Homeland Security Certificate or other continuing education opportunities at Stockton College, please visit [www.stockton.edu/cs](http://www.stockton.edu/cs) or call 609-652-4227.

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