Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK) Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Data Security	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Design and deploy comprehensive Zero Trust Architectures (ZTA) across hybrid and multi-cloud environments.
2. Integrate security controls and automated testing seamlessly into CI/CD pipelines using Shift-Left methodologies.
3. Implement unified Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM) and Cloud Workload Protection (CWPP) solutions across major providers.
4. Analyze and mitigate the unique risks associated with Kubernetes, Docker, and Function-as-a-Service (FaaS) deployments.
5. Establish effective data classification and data residency strategies compliant with global regulations.
6. Understand and address vulnerabilities in machine learning models, including data poisoning and model inversion attacks.
7. Define, execute, and automate IR plans tailored to the volatility of cloud environments, leveraging forensic snapshots.
8. Identify existing cryptographic deployments vulnerable to future quantum attacks and plan for quantum-resistant transitions.
9. Utilize advanced identity tools like IAM Federation and Privileged Access Management (PAM) for least-privilege enforcement.
10. Establish robust controls for third-party services, open-source dependencies, and Software Composition Analysis (SCA).
11. Assess cloud architectures against the CSA?ÇÖs Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM) and Reference Architecture.
12. Implement cost-aware security practices and right-sizing cloud resource consumption for
13. Structure comprehensive Disaster Recovery (DR) and Business Continuity Management (BCM) plans leveraging multi-region failover.

Target Audience

1. Cloud Security Architects & Engineers
2. IT Auditors and Compliance Managers
3. Security Operations Center (SOC) Analysts
4. DevSecOps Professionals and Developers
5. Enterprise IT Managers and Directors
6. Risk Management and Governance Professionals
7. Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and Security Leadership
8. Data Privacy and Data Protection Officers (DPOs)

Course Modules

Module 1: Cloud Architectural Concepts and Design

- Understanding the five essential characteristics of cloud computing
- Detailed review of service models and deployment models
- The critical division of responsibility.
- Security implications of multi-tenancy and the need for rigorous isolation techniques
- Case Study: Analyzing the security breach resulting from misconfiguration of the IaaS shared responsibility model where the customer failed to manage endpoint security.

Module 2: Governance and Enterprise Risk Management

- Establishing a Cloud Governance Framework aligned with business strategy.
- Integrating the Cloud Controls Matrix as the foundational security baseline.
- Managing enterprise cloud risk, legal issues, and the impact of the cloud on audit planning.
- Developing and enforcing Policy-as-Code standards across infrastructure.
- Case Study: Reviewing a Fortune 500 company's transition to cloud governance using the CSA's GRC Stack and CCM to define necessary security controls.

Module 3: Legal, E-Discovery, and International Compliance

- Navigating global regulatory landscapes.
- Challenges of data location, data residency, and jurisdictional conflicts in multi-national cloud deployments.
- Understanding the legal obligations for e-discovery and cloud data preservation.
- Contractual security requirements and Service Level Agreement analysis.
- Case Study: A detailed look at a company facing GDPR fines due to storing EU citizen data in a non-compliant region, focusing on cross-border data transfer mechanisms.

Module 4: Cloud Security Operations and Automation

- Building a Cloud-Native Security Operations Center utilizing automated tools.
- Implementing Infrastructure as Code security validation
- Continuous monitoring and alerting using CSPM and Cloud SIEM platforms.
- Strategies for patch, configuration, and vulnerability management in dynamic cloud workloads.
- Case Study: Simulating a breach response scenario where an automated IaC vulnerability scan prevented a critical configuration drift in production.

Module 5: Security Architecture and Design Principles

- Applying the Cloud Reference Architecture to secure all components of the cloud stack.
- Principles of Defense-in-Depth and micro-segmentation in cloud networks.
- Leveraging cloud-native security services
- Designing for resilience, scalability, and high availability using regional failover.
- Case Study: Designing a highly available, multi-region architecture using a hub-and-spoke VPC model with mandatory inspection points for all traffic.

Module 6: Data Security and Information Lifecycle Management

- Advanced data classification schemas and handling of Sensitive Personal Information
- Implementing encryption methods
- Strategies for managing the full data lifecycle: Create, Store, Use, Share, Archive, Destroy.
- Data Loss Prevention strategies for data in-transit and at-rest.
- Case Study: Analyzing the failure points in key management that led to inaccessible encrypted data following an organizational shift, highlighting the need for robust key rotation policies.

Module 7: Cloud Identity and Access Management (IAM)

- Federated Identity Management and integrating with corporate directories
- Implementing Least Privilege and Role-Based Access Control across multi-cloud accounts.
- Advanced authentication mechanisms.
- Managing Privileged Access Management for break-glass and service accounts.
- Case Study: Reviewing a common scenario where overly permissive IAM roles were exploited in a major breach, focusing on automated auditing for unused permissions.

Module 8: Application Security and DevSecOps

- Integrating security testing directly into the CI/CD pipeline.
- Securing APIs and microservices using API Gateways and authentication tokens
- Best practices for code security and secrets management in cloud-native applications
- Threat modeling and analyzing application attack surfaces in PaaS environments.
- Case Study: Tracing a data leak back to a vulnerable third-party library dependency that was missed by standard unit testing, leading to the adoption of continuous Software Composition Analysis.

Module 9: Serverless and Container Security

- Understanding the attack surface of containerization technologies like Docker and Kubernetes.
- Runtime protection for containers and securing the container registry/image pipeline.
- Security challenges specific to Function-as-a-Service, including function permissions and cold start attacks.
- Implementing network policy and service mesh controls for inter-service communication.
- Case Study: A workshop on securing a Kubernetes cluster, focusing on hardening the control plane and implementing network policies to restrict pod-to-pod communication.

Module 10: Zero Trust Architecture (ZTA) in the Cloud

- The core tenets of Zero Trust: Never Trust, Always Verify.
- Designing the Zero Trust Network Access model versus traditional VPNs.
- Using micro-segmentation and Identity as the primary security perimeter.
- Implementing Context-Aware Authentication based on device posture and location.

- Case Study: Migrating a legacy corporate perimeter model to a modern ZTNA framework, detailing the steps for inventory, mapping, and implementing granular access policies.

Module 11: Security as a Service

- Evaluating various SecaaS categories.
- Benefits and challenges of outsourcing security services to cloud providers.
- Integrating Cloud Access Security Brokers for visibility and control over SaaS usage.
- Using cloud-native security services to build a comprehensive security stack.
- Case Study: Examining the deployment of a CASB solution to enforce policy compliance and detect shadow IT usage across multiple enterprise SaaS applications.

Module 12: Cloud Incident Response and Forensics

- Developing an incident response lifecycle tailored to the cloud's elasticity and volatility.
- Techniques for preserving digital evidence and conducting cloud forensics
- Automation of initial response actions
- The role of cloud logging and audit trails in post-incident analysis.
- Case Study: A simulated account compromise where the incident team used API logging and workload snapshotting to successfully quarantine and analyze the affected resources without data loss.

Module 13: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BC/DR)

- Designing cloud-based DR solutions utilizing multi-region and multi-zone deployments.
- Calculating and achieving target Recovery Time Objectives and Recovery Point Objectives.
- Strategies for backing up and restoring critical cloud resources and configuration data.
- Regular testing and validation of DR plans
- Case Study: Developing a cost-optimized DR plan for a PaaS application using pilot light and warm standby techniques across two geographically distinct cloud regions.

Module 14: Emerging Technologies and Future Threats

- Security implications of Edge Computing and IoT device integration with the cloud.
- Understanding the threat model of Quantum Computing to current cryptographic standards.
- The security and ethics of large language models and AI/ML security
- Planning for the adoption of emerging standards like Confidential Computing
- Case Study: Analyzing the vulnerability of a large financial institution's current RSA key infrastructure against theoretical quantum attacks and drafting a post-quantum cryptographic migration strategy.

Module 15: Cryptography, Key Management, and PKI

- In-depth review of various cryptographic methods.
- Establishing a robust Public Key Infrastructure for cloud environments.
- Best practices for managing encryption keys using cloud Key Management Services
- Homomorphic encryption and other advanced data protection techniques.
- Case Study: Designing a KMS hierarchy to protect customer data in a multi-tenant SaaS application, ensuring strict separation of duties and automated key rotation policies.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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