
NextLabs Certified Professional Program

NextLabs Certified Solutions Specialist (NCSS)

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NCSS Certification Guide

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Introduction

NextLabs provides multiple learning paths for data security experts. This guide details available paths for an individual to achieve the NextLabs Certified Solutions Specialist (NCSS) distinction in their selected areas of specialization.

Our objective is to equip practitioners with the skills necessary to become proficient in designing and implementing data-centric security solutions using NextLabs policy and enforcement technology.

Certification Requirements

Specialists can begin a learning journey towards NCSS certification by enrolling in our Policy System Training Course.

After obtaining a Certificate of Completion for the Policy System Training Course, they can then advance along several learning paths. For instance, they can continue to specialize within the Policy System, or branch out to other domains such as SAP. More learning paths will be released in the future.

Specialists may also embark on another journey by enrolling in our SkyDRM Training Course to learn about NextLabs' Enterprise Digital Rights Management product and capabilities.

Enrollment instructions and course schedules are available on our website. When registering for a course, attendees may need to present prior achievement certificates.

Certifications

Here are Learning Paths currently offered:

Policy System

Course Name	Learning Objectives	Time Commitment	Prerequisites	Achievement	Criteria
Policy System Training Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain foundational understanding of the CloudAz Platform Fundamentals of policy authoring – policy modeling, policy structures, syntax, component definitions, and key theoretical aspects necessary for creating and testing effective security and compliance policies Best practices for managing and governing policies in CloudAz - policy lifecycle management, auditing, version control Learn about the reporting and analytics capabilities of CloudAz Gain hands-on experience in writing policies, troubleshooting errors, and implementing use cases to enforce security controls 	14 hours: 7, 2-hr sessions for virtual or 2 full business days for on-site	None	Policy System Training Course Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sessions attended All quizzes attempted All hands-on exercises attempted Hands-on project complete
Policy System Certification Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a take-home hands-on project to be graded by NextLabs Academy Complete and pass a multiple-choice exam 	2 hours for hands-on project 1¼ hour for the exam; it is timed with one attempt allowed	Policy System Training Course	NCSS – Policy System Certified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A passing grade of 75% on the hands-on project A passing grade of 80% on the final exam

SAP Products

Course Name	Learning Objectives	Time Commitment	Prerequisites	Achievement	Criteria
SAP Products Training Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend your knowledge of NextLabs' Policy System to SAP Articulate the value to clients of NextLabs' capabilities for SAP when addressing concerns like Export Controls, IP protection, and PII Learn features like Data Filtering, Data Masking, and Data Obfuscation Get an overview of the full range of SAP products that NextLabs offers Learn our implementation methodology Gain practical hands-on experience by using the Policy System and SAP GUI/Fiori to implement policy controls 	20 hours: 10, 2-hr sessions for virtual or 2 full business days for on-site	Policy System Training Course	SAP Products Training Course Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sessions attended All quizzes attempted All hands-on exercises attempted Hands-on project complete
SAP Products Certification Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a take-home project to be graded by NextLabs Academy Complete and pass the final exam 	3 hours for hands-on project 1¼ hour for the exam; it is timed with one attempt allowed	SAP Products Training Course	NCSS – SAP Products Certified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A passing grade of 75% on the hands-on project A passing grade of 80% on the final exam

SkyDRM

Course Name	Learning Objectives	Time Commitment	Prerequisites	Achievement	Criteria
SkyDRM Training Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain Enterprise Digital Rights Management (EDRM) concepts and business applications Describe SkyDRM's architecture and core components Configure administration settings and user attributes Author access control policies using policy authoring concepts, including classifications, policy syntax, attributes, and other features Understand the functionality of the SkyDRM Web Client, SkyDRM Desktop for Windows, and the SkyDRM Rights Protection Tool Operate SkyDRM's auditing and reporting features Provide students with hands-on experience through exercises and a capstone group project 	24 hours: 12, 2-hr sessions for virtual or 4 full business days for on-site	None	SkyDRM Training Course Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sessions attended All quizzes attempted All hands-on exercises attempted Hands-on project complete
SkyDRM Certification Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a take-home project to be graded by NextLabs Academy Complete and pass the final exam 	6 hours for hands-on project 1¼ hour for the exam; it is timed with one attempt allowed	SkyDRM Training Course	NCSS - SkyDRM Certified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A passing grade of 75% on the hands-on project A passing grade of 80% on the final exam

Calendar for 2026

NextLabs conducts regular NCSS training sessions throughout the calendar year. Below is the current schedule for 2026. Please note that the dates may be adjusted to accommodate larger participant groups if necessary; however, the start and end dates generally reflect the expected timeframe.

NextLabs requires a minimum of 16 participants in order to run any course. If this minimum is not met during enrollment, the session will be cancelled, and interested participants will be transferred to the next available instance of the course.

Training	March-April	May-June	July-August	September-October	November-December
NCSS Policy System start	Mon, Mar 16	Mon, May 11	Wed, Jul 15	Mon, Sep 14	Mon, Nov 16
NCSS Policy System end	Tue, Mar 24	Tue, May 19	Thu, Jul 23	Tue, Sep 22	Tue, Nov 24
NCSS SAP Products start	Wed, Apr 07	Wed, May 27	Mon, Aug 03	Wed, Sep 30	Wed, Dec 02
NCSS SAP Products end	Thu, Apr 20	Tue, Jun 09	Fri, Aug 14	Tue, Oct 13	Tue, Dec 15
NCSS SkyDRM	Dates coming soon.				



About NextLabs

NextLabs®, Inc. provides zero trust data-centric security software & services to protect data anytime and anywhere regardless of where data resides – whether it is across application, database, file or file repository – on-premises or in the cloud.

Our patented dynamic authorization technology and industry leading attribute-based zero trust policy platform helps enterprises identify and protect sensitive data, monitor and control access to the data, and prevent violations.

NextLabs software prevents unauthorized access and automates enforcement of security controls and compliance policies to enable secure collaboration and information sharing across the extended enterprise. NextLabs has some of the largest global enterprises as customers and has strategic relationships with industry leaders such as SAP, Siemens, Microsoft, AWS, Accenture, Deloitte, Infosys, IBM, and Carahsoft.

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