
Section D. Other Available Coast Guard Education

Introduction	This section describes several other courses available to Coast Guard Auxiliarists.
D.1. Coast Guard Correspondence Courses	With the exception of classified courses, all CGI correspondence courses are offered to Auxiliarists. Of special interest is the CGI NAVRULES course with color flash cards and excellent study tools to assist in requalification for Auxiliarists. Details can be obtained from MT staff officers or the Director. The CGI also maintains an Internet web site (see Appendix I).
D.2. Distance Learning Educational Opportunities	Distance education is defined as a non-classroom based program. Auxiliarists can receive such services through CGI's Distance Learning Center or the Auxiliary web site. The Internet has enormous potential for expanding Auxiliary training and testing opportunities at all levels. The FSO-HR, FSO-IS, and FC should coordinate efforts to take full advantage of this resource as more Auxiliary training programs are developed online with computer support.
D.3. E-Learning Opportunities	As defined in the Coast Guard's Advanced Distributed Learning (e-learning) SOP, e-learning covers a wide set of applications and processes such as web-based learning, computer-based learning, virtual classrooms, and digital collaboration. It includes the delivery of content via internet, intranet/extranet (Local Area Network (LAN)/ Wide Area Network (WAN)), audio and video recordings, satellite broadcasts, interactive television, CD-ROM, and more. E-learning can take place individually (guided or instructed by a computer) or as part of a class. Online courses meet either synchronously (i.e., at the same time) or asynchronously (i.e., at different times), or some combination of the two. Auxiliarists may register for the more than 1,500 Coast Guard courses online through any internet connection after verification of Auxiliary membership.