



CLOSE ACCESS OPERATIONS

COURSE OVERVIEW

This 10-day instructor led course prepares personnel for close access operations where the main focus is gaining unauthorized access to physical spaces, equipment, and information. The core focuses are team coordination, reconnaissance, social engineering, cover story development and defense, and method of entry/exit. The course concludes with a full mission profile exercise and a comprehensive report from the close access team detailing their finds.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Legal brief and disclosures
- Introduction to close access operations
- Personality assessments
- Open source research / reconnaissance
- Cognitive interviews – initial
- Cover story creation / defense – initial
- Setting up backstops – initial
- Equipment requirements / familiarity
- Vehicle preparation
- Target surveillance / reconnaissance
- Credential creation – IDs, badges, etc.
- Social engineering psychology and exercises
- Physical / mechanical entry obstacles and exercises
- Cover story creation, challenges, and defense
- Planning and preparation
- Coordination – Chain of command, local law enforcement, trusted agent
- Team composition and responsibilities
- Reporting
- Logging and reporting
- The real hustle – full mission profile exercise