

**Functional Area 26 - Information Network Engineering**

FA26 officers plan, design, engineer, implement, operate and secure Army and DoD information networks and services. FA 26 provides the Army with a professional corps of skilled communications systems engineering officers able to lead highly technical Soldiers, Warrant Officers and civilians to manage complex information technology projects in support of unified land operations. FA 26 contains three Areas of Concentration (AOC): AOC 26A Network Systems Engineering (CPT-LTC), AOC 26B Information Systems Engineering (CPT-LTC) and AOC 26Z Information Network Engineering (COL).

Why Become an FA26	FA26 Assignments	FA26 Training
<p><b>Demanding, Dynamic Career Field</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenging assignments at the tactical, operational and strategic levels</li> <li>The Army's premier experts to manage enterprise information systems and services, and implement cybersecurity measures to protect information on the Department of Defense Information Network (DODIN) in support of mission command.</li> </ul> <p><b>Career Flexibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All FA26 positions are Key Development (KD)</li> <li>Assignment Diversity</li> <li>Broadening Opportunities</li> </ul>	<p><b>All FA 26 positions are key developmental (KD) with opportunities at all levels:</b></p> <p><b>Tactical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BDE</li> <li>Division</li> <li>Corps</li> </ul> <p><b>Operational</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NETCOM</li> <li>Regional Cyber Centers</li> <li>ARCYBER</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint, Multi-national</li> <li>Research and Development</li> <li>Professor (USMA, AFIT)</li> </ul>	<p>AOC 26A Network Systems Engineer Course (NSEC) and the AOC 26B Information Systems Engineer Course (ISEC) are 30 weeks long and are conducted at the Cyber Center of Excellence at Fort Gordon, GA.</p> <p>The courses consist of graduate-level education and cover topics ranging from IP networking to cybersecurity.</p> <p>Completion of NSEC/ISEC provides up to 15 graduate credits accepted by Syracuse University, University of Maryland and University of Colorado.</p>

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<p>(TWI/ACS)  <b>Personal Benefits</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly marketable skills and certifications</li> <li>• Leadership and technical skill development</li> <li>• Up to 15 credits towards master's degree at universities such as Syracuse University.</li> </ul> </p>		
<p><b>Contacts</b></p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b></p>	<p><b>How to Apply</b></p>
<p>AOC 26B  Career Program Manager  Office Chief of Signal  (OCOS)  <b>Commercial</b>(706)  791-6305  <b>DSN</b>  (312)  780-6305</p> <p>AOC 26A  Career Program Manager  (OCOS)  <b>Commercial</b>(706)  791-8176  <b>DSN</b>  (312)  780-81776  Guard/Reserve POC  (OCOS)  <b>Commercial</b> (706)  791-8180  <b>DSN</b>  (312)  780-8180  FA26 Assignments Officer  (HRC)  <b>Commercial</b></p>	<p>• Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) Aptitude  - Undergraduate or Graduate STEM Degree  - Or GRE Quantitative Score greater than 550 (153 with new scoring system)</p> <p>• Must be 1LT (P), CPT, CPT (P), or MAJ with less than 14 years AFCS  • Must be able to obtain &amp; maintain a Top secret (TS) Security Clearance  • Year group eligibility</p>	<p>Application information can be found on the HRC Officers Voluntary Transfer Incentive Program (VTIP) <a href="#">website</a>.  Candidates must complete and submit the applications packet consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DA Form 4187</li> <li>• Memorandum for Record stating reason for request</li> <li>• Transcripts</li> <li>• Copy of IT certifications (if any)</li> </ul>

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