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The Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC) offers a variety of services to help you achieve your educational and career goals. If you're new to higher education, our dedicated Army Education Counselors and counseling support staff can help you develop a plan to achieve your goals and access educational benefits like Tuition Assistance (TA) and the GI Bill. Counselors provide educational advising and information about other services and opportunities to Soldiers and family members. The BTEC Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) classes help

hundreds of Soldiers every year achieve their goal of a higher General Technical score. In Wing H, the Testing Services Center administers Army Personnel Tests including the AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, and SIFT, while the National Testing Center offers college credit-by-examination tests and other educational and certification testing opportunities. Follow us on Facebook @ BraggTrainingandEducationCenter for information about special events and briefings.

– Courtesy of the Fort Bragg Education Center



BRAGG TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTER

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4520 Knox St., Bldg. 1-3571
Fort Bragg NC 28310
Hours: Mon-Wed 0800-1630, Thurs 1100-1630, & Fri 0800-1630

- www.goarmy.com/public/facility_pages/Fort_Bragg_Education_Center/default.asp
- www.facebook.com/BraggTrainingandEducationCenter

Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP):

(910) 396-2351
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Counseling Services:

(910) 396-6721
4520 Knox St. Bldg. 1-3571, Wing J
Appointment required: <http://bookfbtec.timetap.com>

Testing Services Center:

(910) 907-3926
4520 Knox St. Bldg. 1-3571, Wing H

National Test Center:

(910) 436-2860
4520 Knox St. Bldg. 1-3571, Wing H



APPOINTMENT SYSTEM FOR EDUCATION COUNSELING

The Fort Bragg Training and Education Center requires appointments for most education counseling services. Implemented in Fall 2017, the appointment system minimizes customer wait time and allows users to schedule appointments with the counselor of their choice. A "next available" option is also offered. Customers can opt to receive reminders by email and/or text 24 hours prior to their appointment. Appointments can be scheduled online at your convenience at <http://bookfbtec.timetap.com>. You may contact the Fort Bragg Training and Education Center if you have any questions at (910) 396-6721 or (910) 908-0927.

Soldiers unable to schedule an appointment are encouraged to use the Help Desk case system in GoArmyEd.com. These cases are monitored and resolved by our counselors.

The only counseling services available on a walk-in basis in Wing J are BSEP enrollment, transcript memos for OCS or personnel record updates, and services for WTB Soldiers. Those seeking other services will be asked to schedule an appointment.

BSEP Enrollment: Begins two months

prior to intended class. Please register early as classes do fill! Soldiers will be given paperwork to have signed by their Commander and must be returned prior to the class start date. Classes begin the first work day of the month.

Transcript Memos: Soldiers requesting memoranda for record to update their personnel records or to apply to OCS should bring copies of transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended. Grade reports or degree audits are not accepted as substitutes for transcripts. The transcripts must have 1) college/university letterhead watermark or seal, 2) signature/stamp of school official, 3) date of degree conferral if applicable. Transcripts are not required to be sealed. During peak periods, counselors may not be able to provide on-the-spot service, but will prepare the memo within three working days.

WTB Soldiers: Please notify the front desk of your status so that you can be seen as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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MU@Night, Fort Bragg and Extended Learning Offers Flexibility and Convenience

MU@Night, Fort Bragg, and online classes are designed for exploring new careers, upgrading professional skills, or providing individual enrichment. **New for 2018-19: Bachelor of Science in Leadership Communication hybrid degree completion program.**

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May 13 - Summer Day, Evening, and Online courses begin.



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DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED

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 Social Work*
 Sociology

** May require some day courses*



Above, Sgt. Humberto Dominguez is hooded by his son during the May 2018 Commencement ceremony at the Crown Coliseum. Dominguez graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. His hard work, perseverance, dedication, and commitment to earning his degree reflect the true spirit of the MU at Night Journey. Congratulations!

Contact the MU@Night and Extended Learning office at 910.630.7190 or the Fort Bragg office at 910.436.3624 for more information.



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 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, N.C. 28311



TROOPS TO TEACHERS

FORT BRAGG COMMUNITY INVITED TO TROOPS TO TEACHERS SEMINAR

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PROGRAM OFFERS MILITARY PERSONNEL A BRIDGE TO TEACHING CAREERS

Leadership, public service, adaptability, and being a role-model are all in a day's work for teachers and military members alike. Because the two careers require similar values, the transition from military to teacher can be a natural one for those who want to continue to serve in new ways. Eligible military personnel interested in transitioning into a career as a public school teacher can begin the journey with the support of Troops to Teachers.

Participants in Troops to Teachers work with a representative to learn about the teaching profession, to determine the best route to teaching licensure, and to identify employment leads. Additionally, participants who are becoming first-time teachers may be eligible for financial assistance as they complete requirements for licensure.

The support offered by Troops to Teachers is especially beneficial because becoming a licensed teacher in the state of North Carolina, or any other state, is a process that can take time and knowledge to navigate. For example, there are different paths to licensure, depending on a person's educational background and area of teaching interest. Further, looking for employment leads becomes easier with a knowledgeable advocate and support system in place.

Troops to Teachers seminars will cover information about the teaching profession, the steps to earn a teaching license, and employment opportunities in public education. To continue, more information about program eligibility and registration will be available. Active military,

veterans, retirees, Guard and Reserve personnel are invited to attend. More information is available online at proudtoserveagain.com.

Military members, spouses, and veterans interested in educational planning and support and general Troops to Teachers information can also book an appointment with an Army Guidance Counselor Monday through Friday in Wing J of the Fort Bragg Training and Education Center on the corner of Knox and Randolph Street. The address and contact information is as follows: 4520 Knox Street, Bldg. 1-3571, Wing J for counseling services, (910) 396-6721.

For more information, visit proudtoserveagain.com.

– Courtesy of the Fort Bragg Education Center

UPCOMING 2019 SEMINAR

MARCH 13, 2019
MAY 15, 2019
JULY 17, 2019
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
NOVEMBER 13, 2019

TIME:
1300-1500

LOCATION:
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EDUCATION CENTER, F-116

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INFORMATION AT
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FIND A SCHOOL THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Representatives from Fort Bragg-partnered colleges and universities are available at the Bragg Training and Education Center to explain programs and coursework their institution offers on post.

Schools that are represented include:

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY

Degrees Offered: Associates and Bachelors
 Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC)
 Bldg 1-3571, Wing B, Room 105
 Phone: (910) 814-4934
 Fax: (910) 436-1794
 Hours: M-F 0830-1700
 Email: ftbraggoffice@campbell.edu

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - WORLDWIDE FORT BRAGG

Degrees Offered: Associates, Bachelors, and Graduate
 Soldier Development Center
 Armistead Street and Old Post Road
 Bldg 2-1728, 3rd Floor, Room 320
 Phone: (910) 339-1567
 Hours: M-F 0830-1700
 Email: ftbraggoffice@erau.edu

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Degrees Offered: Bachelors and Graduate
 Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC)
 Bldg 1-3571, Wing B, Room 102
 Phone: (910) 672-2965/672-2963
 Hours: M-F 0830-1700
 Email: military@uncfsu.edu

FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Degrees Offered: Associates
 Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC)
 Bldg 1-3571, Wing F, Room 118
 Phone: (910) 678-1050
 Hours: M-F 0830-1700
 Email: fortbragg@faytechcc.edu

METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Degrees Offered: Associates and Bachelors
 (Graduate and Doctorate, Campus Only)
 Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC)
 Bldg 1-3571, Wing B, Room 103
 Phone: (910) 436-3624
 Hours: M-Th 1100-2000, F 0800-1700
 Website: www.methodist.edu
 Email: bragg@methodist.edu

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Degrees Offered: Bachelors and Graduate
 Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC)
 Bldg 1-3571, Wing B, Room 103
 Phone: (704) 312-7935
 Hours: T-Th 0800-1600
 Website: www.northeastern.edu/fort-bragg
 Email: ftbragg@northeastern.edu

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE

Degrees Offered: Bachelors and Graduate
 Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC)
 Bldg 1-3571, Wing B, Room 102
 Phone: (910) 436-4295
 Hours: M-F 0830-1700
 Email: veterans@uncp.edu

WEBSTER-UNIVERSITY

Degrees Offered: Graduate
 Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC)
 Bldg 1-3571, Wing B, Room 101
 Phone: (910) 436-9802
 Hours: M-Th 0830-1730, F 0830-1200
 Email: ftbragg@webster.edu

KUDER JOURNEY



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Between 60 and 80 percent of college students change their college major at least once before graduation. Many change their degree path as much as three to five times while pursuing a bachelor's degree. Choosing the best career and educational path may be one of the most important decisions of your life.

The path you chose can impact how long it will take you to complete your degree requirements, qualification for future job opportunities, and ultimately determine the level of career satisfaction you experience as a civilian.

KEY FEATURES OF KUDER JOURNEY

Since the program began in 2013, over 196,000 servicemembers have used the program to explore careers, research recommended occupations, and connect to education resources.

Through the college and career planning counseling service system, servicemembers can:

- Take interests, skills, and work values assessments
- Explore recommended occupations, job outlooks, salaries, and education requirements
- Find education programs and apprenticeships
- Learn about financial aid options
- Prepare for transition with job search tools, develop job networks, and find professional associations

- Search for jobs, research employers, and find job fairs

- Obtain lifetime access to an e-portfolio to organize documents for employments, school admission or scholarships

EASY STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

Users may complete the following steps in order to select the one that meets their immediate needs.

STEP 1: ASSESSMENTS

The career planning process starts with learning about oneself.

Since choosing a career direction and education path is so important to a servicemember's future success, the tools used to help you make informed choices are vitally important.

The college and career planning counseling service system, powered by Kuder Journey, offers interest inventories as well as a host of other features that serve as a one-stop-shop for military personnel as they plan, prepare, and transition to civilian employment. Learn more at dantes.kuder.com

Kuder Journey research-based interests, skills, and work values assessments kick starts exploration and ultimately encourages more career satisfaction.

STEP 2: OCCUPATIONS

If users are looking to transfer skills to another job, find a job related to their college major, or simply start the search from scratch, Kuder Journey allows them to search and narrow down a list of occupations that are right for them.

STEP 3: EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL AID

Users can align careers of interest with related educations training requirements to determine a future path and learn about financial aid options, including the GI Bill.

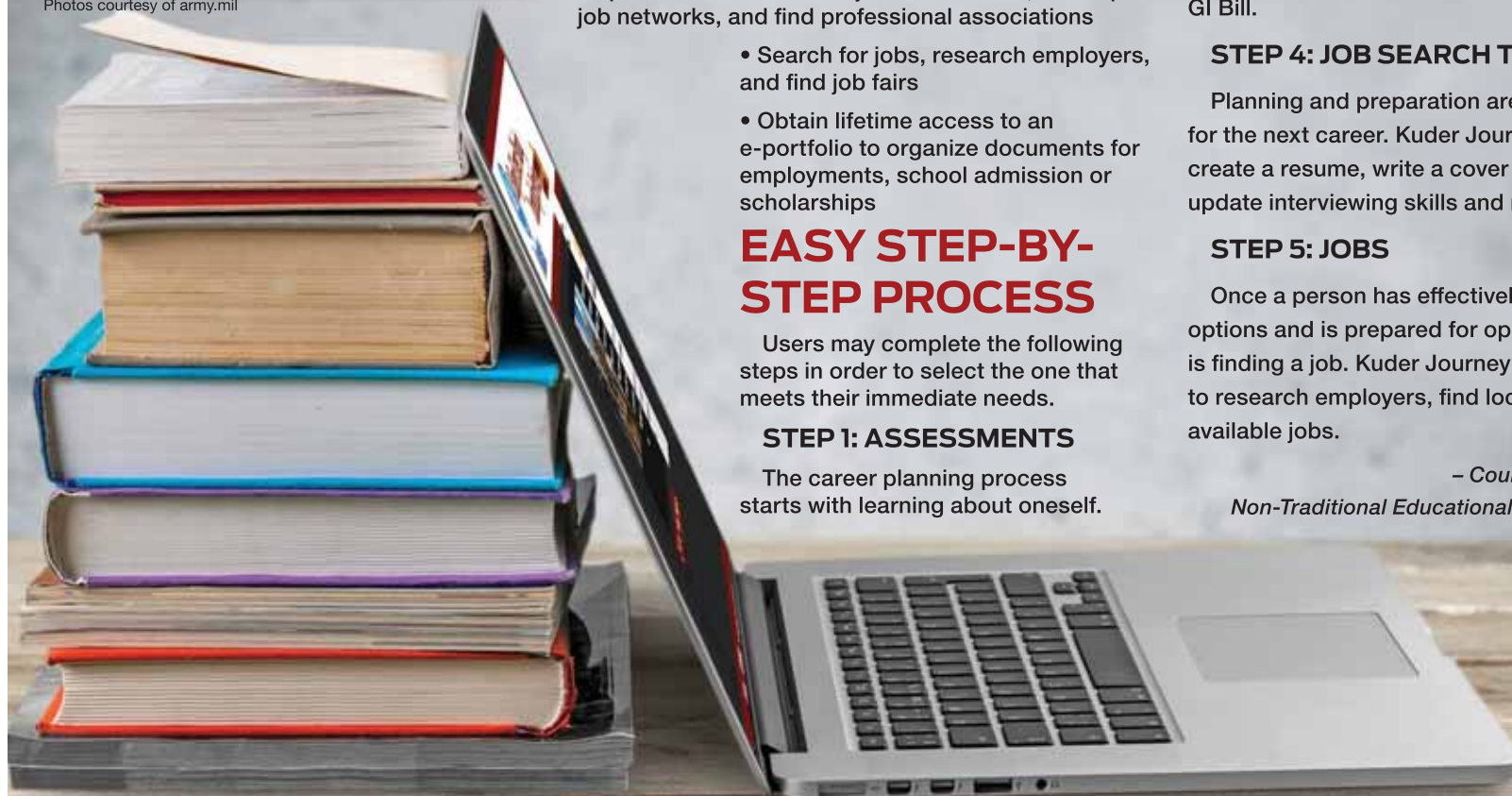
STEP 4: JOB SEARCH TOOLS

Planning and preparation are critical before applying for the next career. Kuder Journey provides the tools to create a resume, write a cover letter, collect references, update interviewing skills and more!

STEP 5: JOBS

Once a person has effectively learned about their options and is prepared for opportunities, the next step is finding a job. Kuder Journey offers a number of ways to research employers, find local companies, and locate available jobs.

– Courtesy of Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support, dantes.doded.mil



TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) POLICY

On June 6, 2018, the Secretary of the Army signed Army Directive 2018-09 (Army Tuition Assistance Policy) with an effective implementation date of August 5, 2018. This directive eliminated the one-year or ten-year wait to use TA and applies to all Soldiers, regardless of component. Starting August 5, 2018, Soldiers seeking to use TA must meet requirements based on their Military Education Level at one of two tiers, depending on the level of degree they are seeking and their prior TA usage.

TIER 1: Soldiers who have a) not attained a bachelors' degree and wish to pursue an undergraduate certificate/diploma, associate, or bachelor's degree or b) have previously attained a bachelor's degree without the use of TA and who wish to pursue an undergraduate or graduate certificate/diploma or master's degree

Soldiers establish tier 1 TA eligibility as follows:

- Enlisted Soldiers who have graduated Advanced Individual Training.
- Warrant Officers who have graduated Warrant Officer Basic Course.
- Officers who have graduated Basic Officer Leaders Course.

TIER 2: Soldiers who previously used TA for any portion of their undergraduate degree, have attained a bachelor's degree, and wish to pursue a master's degree.

If TA was used for any portion of the undergraduate degree, Soldiers establish tier 2 TA eligibility for pursuit of a master's degree as follows:

- Enlisted Soldiers who have successfully completed Advanced Leaders Course.
- Warrant Officers who have graduated Warrant Officer Advanced Course.
- Officers who have graduated Captain Career Course or equivalent.

Soldiers must still meet other eligibility requirements, as described in Army Directive 2018-09 (Army Tuition Assistance Policy), to receive TA regardless of tier level they are pursuing.

DANTES TESTS

Did you know?

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) provides upfront payment and/or reimbursement for servicemembers to take a variety of admissions tests and exams for college

credit including:

- GED
- ACT
- SAT
- GMAT
- GRE
- CLEP
- DANTES

Learn more at www.dantes.doded.mil

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Monday-Thursday 0830-1700

Friday 0830-1200

GOARMYED 101

GoArmyEd 101 Briefing

Bragg Training and Education Center (BTEC)

As of January 2019,

this briefing is held weekly on Wednesdays at 1200 in E-111.

First-time TA users are highly encouraged to attend.

Pre-register at

<http://bookfbtec.timetap.com>

GI BILL

Important changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer!

If your plans include transferring education benefits to a dependent, this news is for you. Effective 12 July 2019, the Transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits (TEB) will be limited to servicemembers with at least six years, but not more than 16 years, of total creditable service. Soldiers must be eligible to be retained for four years from the date they elect the TEB and not be precluded, prior to approval of the transfer, by either standard policy or statute from completing the four-year service commitment. Effective 11 July 2019, servicemembers who have not applied for TEB and who are on limited duty or involved in a Medical Evaluation Board, Physical Evaluation Board, or Disability Evaluation System process will be required to wait until the process is complete before applying for transferability.

Note: Recipients of the Purple Heart may be eligible to transfer benefits at additional times. Please consult the most recent policy documents or an education counselor.

Questions about Transfer of Education Benefits?

Army Education Counselors at BTEC can help you research and review policy documents that may affect you. For further information, Regular Army and US Army Reserves Soldiers with questions should contact their Career Counselor or the US ARMY GI Bill Team, Education Incentives Branch, HRC at Fort Knox, KY at 1-800-872-8272 or usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-post911gibill@mail.mil

ARNG Soldiers should contact the ARNG GI Bill Support Team at 1-866-628-5999 or ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill@mail.mil

SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to counseling and testing services, the Bragg Training and Education Center sponsors briefings on educational and career topics and several annual special events. Soldiers with active GoArmyEd.com accounts will receive email notifications about many of these offerings. These events will also be promoted through media including the Bragg Training and Education Center Facebook page.

Briefings:

AMEDD (Army Medical Department) Commissioning Programs:

AMEDD recruiters brief about application requirements for the Intra-service Physician Assistant Program (IPAP), Army Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP) for nursing, and select other recruiting and education programs for prospective Army clinicians. AMEDD recruiters may also hold office hours at the BTEC. Briefings by AMEDD recruiters are held quarterly.

Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET):

Briefings provide information about training available to those wishing to pursue a post-military career in law enforcement in the state of North Carolina. These briefings are held quarterly or more.

Green to Gold:

Bi-weekly briefings are held on Tuesday and Thursday at 0900 in Wing A. Enlisted Soldiers wishing to pursue ROTC as a route to commissioning are encouraged to review the information at <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/enlisted-soldiers.html> in addition to attending this briefing.

Troops to Teachers:

See the Troops to Teachers feature in this supplement (page 4) for more information about this program for transitioning servicemembers seeking careers in public education, including briefing dates.

Education Fair:

Every spring, Fort Bragg invites colleges and universities from around the country to send representatives to this event, open to all members of the Fort Bragg community. Over 70 colleges and universities were represented at the 2018 EdExpo! The event also featured special briefings about financial aid, commissioning programs, and more.

American Education Week:

BTEC joins the Army Continuing Education System and educators across the country in recognizing and celebrating American Education Week each November. Last year's events included breakfast treats, special briefings and lunch-and-learn sessions, and more.

Annual Fort Bragg Graduation and Recognition Ceremony:

Generally held during American Education Week, the annual graduation and recognition ceremony celebrates Soldiers, Veterans, family members, and others in the Fort Bragg community who have completed an associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in the previous year. In 2018, more than 250 graduates from more than 30 colleges were recognized at this special event. Sign-ups for those who wish to participate in the 2019 ceremony are expected to open by late summer 2019.

CAREER SKILLS PROGRAM (CSP)

FORT BRAGG CSP POINT OF CONTACTS

Salmon Ponapart

Email: salmon.ponapart.ctr@mail.mil
Office: (910) 396-4215

Jerves Shipman

Email: Jerves.I.shipman.ctr@mail.mil
Office: (910) 908-2413

For more information about the Career Skills Program, please visit the link:
<https://www.imcom.army.mil/Organization/G1Personnel/CareerSkillsProgram.aspx>

PARTNER COMPANIES

DoDI 1322.29 (24 Jan 14)

- Defines DoD wide who can participate
- Policy is established at the DoD level

AR 600-81 Ch. 8 (17 May 16)

- Expect to received honorable or general discharge
- No legal or flag action pending (e.g. Art-15)
- 6 months window of participation from separation
- Release by 1st field grade officer with UCMJ authority
- Extension for the purpose of CSP is not authorized
- Place of duty with the training provider

Fort Bragg Procedures

- Complete pre-separation, DOL, MOS, Crosswalk, VA, budget and capstone prior to enrollment
- Little to no cost to the government and the servicemember
- CSPs tie to an opportunity

PTDY (09 Dec 16)

- 30 days or less is approved by an O-6
- 31-120 days is approved by a general officer with court martial authority and can be delegate to an O-6
- All associated expenses are the responsibility of the servicemember
- Cannot be used in conjunction with other leaves or passes

Caliber Collision

1. 18 Weeks Auto Body Technician
2. 12 Weeks Service Advisor
POC: Patrick Brooks | (910) 568-6687
patrick.brooks@calibercollision.com

Dates

Jan 22, Mar 12,
Jun 4, Jul 23,
Sep 23, and
Oct 15

20 Weeks Cisco VTIP

POC: Angie Coolidge
acoolidg@cisco.com

Dates

App. Due: Feb 22
Cls Begins: Apr 15

CVS Health

1. Store Manager in Training
2. Pharmacy Tech
POC: Ed Pethan | (910) 723-4879
edward.pethan@cvscaremark.com

Dates

Rolling

4 Weeks GAF Roofing

POC: Paul Steeger or Victoria Steeger
(918) 284-7801
psteeger@protrainedu.org
vsteeger@protrainedu.org

Dates

TBD

12 Weeks Home Builder Institute

1. Contracting & Electrical
POC: Torri Boderick | (910) 988-2110
tboderick@hbi.org

Dates

Jan 7, Feb 18, Apr
18, May 13, Jul 8,
Aug 12, Sep 30,
and Nov 4

10 Weeks FTCC CDL

POC: Pandy Evans | (910) 486-3626
transtech@faytechcc.edu

Dates

TBD

18 Weeks MSSA (Microsoft Software & Systems Academy)

1. Cloud Application Developer
POC: Angela Young or Crystal Jones
(910) 339-1567 | ww386@erau.edu

Dates

Feb 15 and Aug 1

NC Department of Public Safety

POC: Kevin Whitaker | (919) 457-1193 kevin.
whitaker@ncdps.gov

Dates

TBD

ONWARD to OPPORTUNITY

1. Customer Service Excellence
2. Business Management
3. Information Technology
POC: Kenneth Mayes and Veronica Sarantes
fortbragg020@syr.edu

Dates

Rolling

4 Weeks Spectrum

1. Field Technician
POC: Wendi Partin I | (386) 267-7550
wendi.partin@charter.com

Dates

Mar 25

6 Weeks Soldier to Agriculture

1. Farming and Ranching
POC: Robert Elliot or Jason Freeman
(252) 725-4875
rlellio2@ncsu.edu | j.e.freeman10@gmail.com

Dates

Feb 4, Mar 26
and Apr 22

5 Weeks Werner CDL

POC: Darrall Bethea
(910) 891-1344 | dbethea@roadmaster.com

Dates

TBD

12 Weeks Veteran Capital Fellowship

1. Technology & Entrepreneurship
2. Marketing Specialist
3. Sales Representative
POC: Tim Horan | (518) 229-3164
tim@veterancapital.org

Dates

TBD

6 Weeks RC Construction

1. Site Safety and Health Officer
2. Engineer
3. Quality Control
POC: Kevin Petty | (318) 321-9799
kpetty@rcconst.net

Dates

TBD

15 Weeks ISG Cyber Security

POC: Kevith Kregg
(919) 844-8075 ext. 702 | (919) 590-9674
keith.kregg@isglink.com

Dates

Rolling

**Please contact partner company POCs for application process.

2019 TABLE DAY SCHEDULE

0800 TO 1300 FIRST FLOOR SOLDIER SUPPORT CENTER ON THE FIRST FLOOR

January 17
February 7 and 21
March 7 and 21

April 4 and 18
May 2 and 16
June 6 and 20

July 18
August 1 and 15
September 5 and 19

October 3 and 17
November 7 and 28
December 5 and 19

JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPTS

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The Joint Services Transcript (JST) is a synchronized transcript presenting data for the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard.

Each JST is owned by the servicemember or Veteran's specific service, so you will see each service's seal with the American Council on Education (ACE) at the top.

Each JST includes:

- Personal servicemember data
- Military course completions: all courses that have been evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) with full descriptions and credit recommendations
- Military occupations: full descriptions, skill levels, and credit recommendations

- College level test scores: CLEP, DSST, NCPACE
- Other learning experiences: additional completed courses and occupations that have not been evaluated by ACE for college credit
- A summary page with the Servicemember Opportunity Colleges (SOC) course category codes
- An academic institution courses page (not available for Army JSTs)

The JST is accepted by more than 2,300 colleges and universities. Electronic JSTs are free. Stakeholders (servicemembers, veterans, colleges and universities) can create JST accounts and receive transcripts at <https://jst.doded.mil>. For technical support questions, contact jst@doded.mil.

Website: <https://jst.doded.mil>

Email: jst@doded.mil

– Courtesy of the Fort Bragg Education Center



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The Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) is the commanders' primary on-duty education program. The three primary goals of BSEP are to 1) promote retention, 2) increase Soldiers' reenlistment options, and 3) improve job performance. Because BSEP is a refresher course in both math and English, many Soldiers take it to help them raise their GT score on the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT). Other students enroll in BSEP to prepare for college or improve their math and English skills. BSEP is a teacher-facilitated program that uses computer programs to enhance learning.

TO ENROLL

Enrollment begins two months prior to the class start date.

- 1) Soldiers request registration in their desired course time in Wing J of the Bragg Training and Education Center. No appointment is required. BTEC Staff will provide the Soldier with a BSEP Enrollment Form and sample DA Form 4187.
- 2) Soldiers get both forms signed by their commander.
- 3) Soldiers return both forms as soon as possible to Wing G of the Bragg Training and Education Center to hold their spot in the class.

FIRST DAY

BSEP students are required to attend the first day of class. No one will be accepted into the course after the first day of the class. Students who were unable to confirm registration before the class start will be accommodated as walk-ins on a space available basis.

The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is given on the first day of the class.

Morning class reports at 0730 on the first day. Afternoon and evening classes report at 1230 on the first day.

FY19 COURSE SCHEDULE

Feb. 1-28

Mar. 1-29

Apr. 1-30

May 1-31

Jun. 3-28

Jul. 8-31

Aug. 1-29

Sep. 3-30

Morning (0900-1300) and afternoon (1300-1700) courses are offered monthly. Class meets every day, Monday-Friday.

Evening classes (1800-2100) are offered in March, June, September, and November only. Evening students must report for the TABE at 1230 on the first day of course and for post-testing at the end of the class.

For more information, call 910-396-2351 or 910-396-6982.

– Courtesy of the Fort Bragg Education Center

OASC & CPST

FREE ACADEMIC SKILLS TRAINING

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Are you up for a promotion? Are you thinking about starting college? Do you want to get better ASVAB/AFCT scores or ace your college entrance and placement exams? Did you know there's free help available to help you achieve these goals? With the online, self-paced Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) and College Placement Skills Training (CPST) training courses, you can take control of your future by improving your math, reading, and writing skills. DANTES offers servicemembers access to these programs to help YOU get started on the path to a better degree and faster degree completion.

Both OASC and CPST assess your strengths and weaknesses to design custom learning paths. These paths improve your knowledge of the concepts and skills needed to excel in each area. Self-paced lessons are supported by interactive exercises, practice sets, and quizzes to help you gauge your progress. Both trainings offer the flexibility of 24/7 access from any computer or mobile device.

Choose the course that's right for you!

OASC focuses on basic math, reading comprehension, and vocabulary skills. Completing this program can help you improve your GT score on the ASVAB or AFCT.

CPST targets college-level math, English, and writing skills. Completing this program can help you place directly into college-level classes, saving time and money by bypassing remedial coursework.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

All active-duty servicemembers (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard), as well as members of the Reserves and National Guard, can use the OASC and CPST training programs. Family Members and DoD civilians are also eligible.

GET STARTED

Getting started is easy! Just follow these steps:

- 1) Visit the website
<http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet>
- 2) Select your status (servicemember or family member/DoD civilian)
- 3) Sign up as a new user
- 4) Choose your program!

NEED HELP?

Program Manager

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-Courtesy of the Fort Bragg Education Center





AMEDD COMMISSIONING BRIEFINGS



PA Administrative Requirements

Servicemembers must meet these administrative requirements before applying for the Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP)

1. U.S. Citizenship. (non-waivable)
2. General Technical (GT) score of 110 or higher. (enlisted only) (non-waivable)
3. 60 Semester Hours. (with following 30SH must be in resident: In accredited class or internet (online) course with a letter grade of C or better. You may not use MOS, CLEP, DANTES to satisfy requirements.)
 - 6 hours English (3 SH Writing) can use CLEP
 - 6 hours Humanities (ex. Social Sciences, Government, History, Art etc...)
 - 3 hours of Psychology (any type) can be intro course
 - 6 hours Chemistry (general or higher) Intro to chemistry is not acceptable. (must be within 8 years NLT Fall 2012)
 - 3 hours Anatomy (Human) (must be within 8 years NLT FALL 2012)
 - 3 hours Physiology (Human) (must be within 8 years NLT FALL 2012)
 - 3 hours of College Algebra or higher math (not intro or intermediate nor statistics)
4. Medical terminology within 5 years. (NLT Fall 2015)
5. SAT requirement WITH ESSAY Minimum 450 in math and reading with the composite 1000. (non-waivable) Must be with 5 years NLT March 2014.
6. Must have a 2.5 or higher overall GPA and science GPA of 3.0 or higher over last 10 years (only for science) at the time of application.
7. 80 Shadowing hours with Unit PA.
8. Time in service 15 years or less as of 1 Jan 2020 for FY19 application.
9. Age less than 39.

AECP Administrative Requirements

Servicemembers must meet these administrative requirements before applying for the Army Nurse Corps Commission Program (AECP)

1. U.S. Citizenship. (non-waivable)
2. General Technical (GT) score is not required.
3. High School Graduate or have a GED. (non-waivable)
4. Eligible for a Secret Security Clearance. (non-waivable)
5. If over the age of 41 it will require an age in-grade waiver and if over the age of 42 at time of commissioning no waiver will be granted.
6. Pass the Standard 3-event Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and meet height/weight standards.
7. Pass the Appointment Physical. (good for 24 months from date physical was initiated)
8. All Applicants Must Have < 14 years of Active Federal Service Time (maybe waivable)
9. E-4 and above only to apply and must be active duty, reserves, or national guard to apply. Must be able to obtain a condition release from branch.
10. No SAT's required.
11. Must have an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 GPA. (non-waivable)
12. P2 profiles can submit a waiver and will be approved on a case by case basis.

P3 profiles no waiver will be granted.

For more information on requirements and application procedures visit our website:
www.usarec.army.mil/armypa or www.usared.army.mil/mrb/aecp for AECP

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PORTABLE CAREERS *FOR* MIL SPOUSES

By Jessica Evans

The last of the boxes have been taped and your household goods are on their way to a new installation. If you're like a lot of milspouses, that means you're realizing that you have to start your job search all over, once again. It can be daunting to repeat the process over and over and stay positive about it. After all, your servicemember has their career path pretty much laid out, and the moves are part of that process. If you're trying to find a way to ensure that your career can become as mobile and fluid as your life, rest assured there are plenty of options that don't involve relying on the PX or BX for a part-time cashier job.

A practical solution for this is for milspouses to consider working toward portable career options that can be flexible and move with the servicemember as the transition becomes permanent and complete.

Consider these portable career options:

- accounting
- consulting
- creative services
- customer service/support
- fundraising
- grant writing
- graphic design
- editorial and content writing

- fitness/nutrition
- IT/programming
- marketing
- public relations
- sales
- social media
- technical service
- transcription
- virtual assistants/admin
- web design

Keep an open mind

Research careers with high growth or high demand. Figure out a career path that is going to grow with you, not hold you back. Find out the average salary for the career and make sure it is something you are comfortable with. Network with those already in the career field and ask them any questions you may have. Speak with a career or college counselor for more guidance. Speaking of college...

An excellent career starts with a good education

If military spouses aren't set on their career path just yet, a proper consideration would be to start or continue their education.

Use your network

Go through your list and see who you could reach out to for opportunities. Connect with alumni. Join groups on social media or a mailing list to help get contact information and make that initial introduction. Growing your network will only improve your chances of employment or at least help you get a little bit farther in your job search.

Research the Rules

If any licenses or certificates are necessary to maintain your career, look into the ease of transfer. Some states will allow either temporary licensure or an expedited process into obtaining a new license. Also, there are specific rules you must abide by when you conduct business if you're in military housing or on a military installation. Be sure to read up and follow their guidance.

Consider being your own boss

The formal word for this is "independent contractor." An independent contractor allows military spouses to have the freedom and flexibility to adapt to military life. Being self-employed allows you to set your own hours and work for yourself. This may be a path to consider for military spouses with the entrepreneurial spirit.

– Courtesy of Stripes Europe

TOP TEN COLLEGE DEGREES FOR VETERANS

One of the keys to getting the right job is getting the right education. No matter what career you'd like to pursue, higher incomes require higher learning. Whether you're in the middle of planning your transition or you're already out and wondering what steps to take next, take a look at our summary of Best Colleges Online's list of the top ten degrees for veterans.

1) Criminal Justice – Just about any position in the military will smoothly translate to civilian law enforcement, and a criminal justice degree can be an extremely useful extra tool. Although many local law enforcement organizations don't require a degree, obtaining one will make you a more qualified candidate and increase your opportunities for advancement.

2) Engineering – If you have any kind of technical aptitude or talent with math, engineering may be the right path for you. Although engineers need years of schooling to obtain their degree, the position is highly valuable. Not only are engineering jobs lucrative, they're currently, and projected to be, in high demand.

3) Nursing – Nursing is the type of profession well-suited to veterans. All military personnel receive basic medical knowledge which can serve as a foundation for obtaining a degree in nursing. Nurses not only earn a decent income; their jobs are in-demand and will be for years to come. Nurses also tend to specialize within their field, so if you're seriously considering the career, start thinking about which direction you'd like to head in.

4) Network Administration – The world runs in part on digital networks, and network administrators are always in demand. Considering that new digital technologies are constantly being introduced into the military, many servicemembers have some experience in running or troubleshooting networks. This experience will help you obtain a network administration degree, and lead to a lucrative, in-demand job.

5) Physical Therapy – Combat boots, pounds of gear, and tough training lend a servicemember's body to constant stress and strain. Everyone in the military knows first-hand the effects of strenuous exercise and chronic injuries. Whether it's a sprain or an amputation, professional help is always required to help individuals return to their regular, daily lives. These experiences would serve well a degree in physical therapy which can lead to a stable, well-paid career.

6) Computer Science – There are plenty of occupations within the military that require extensive computer use, and this experience can help lead to a degree in computer science. Programmers, coders,

and developers all earn relatively high incomes, and their jobs are generally some of the most secure in the job market. Although the degree itself is key, it's important to mix your academic training with practical experience.

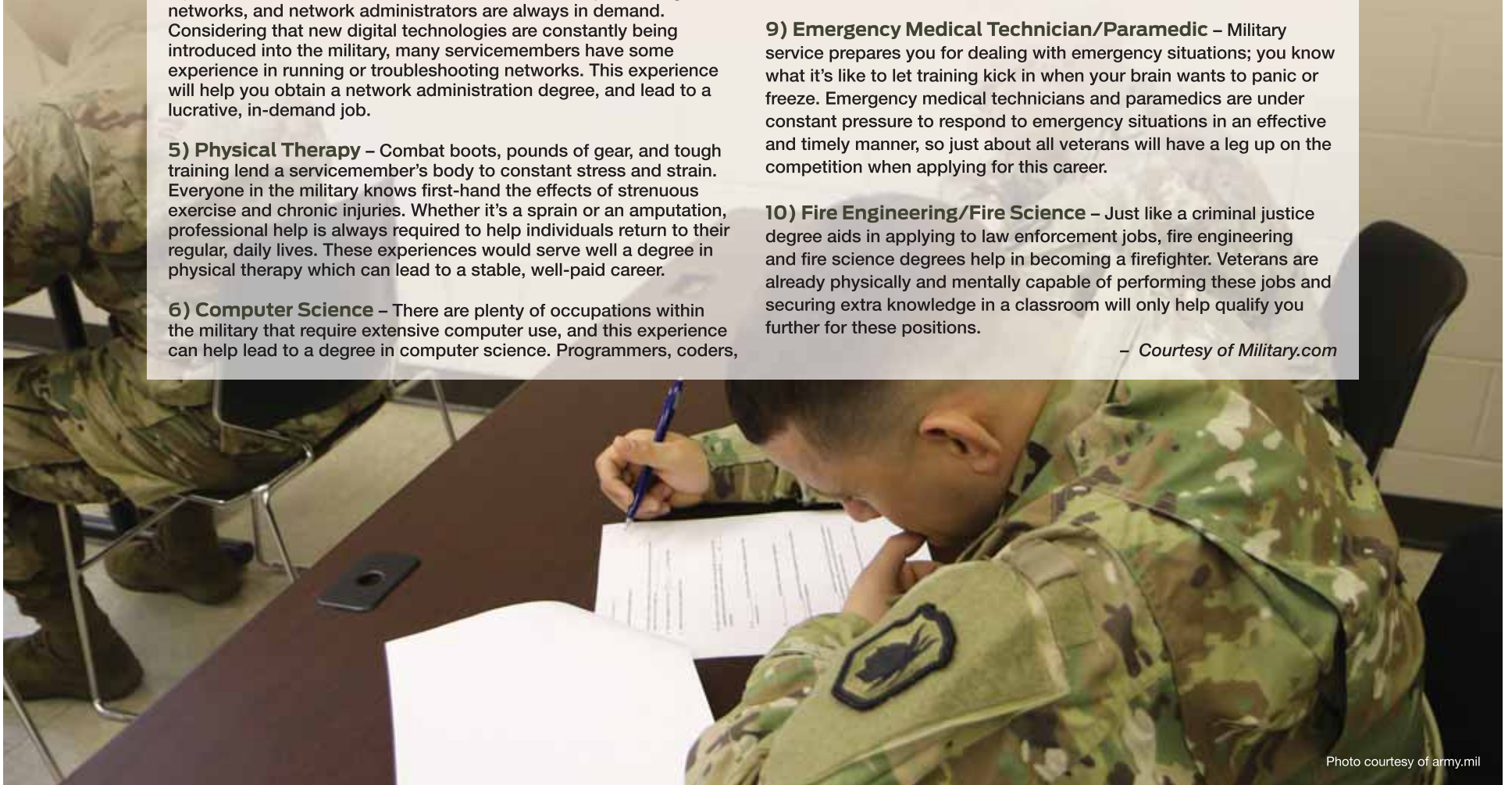
7) Information Security – As digital attacks become increasingly sophisticated, the need for information security professionals has grown. Often this requires firsthand knowledge of hacks and cracks, and many in this industry are known as white-hat hackers or penetration testers. Degrees in information security can be difficult to earn, but the industry is in serious need for these professionals.

8) Teaching – All military careers are about teaching as much as they are learning. Even if you never become a sergeant or an officer, bringing fresh recruits up to speed provides first-hand teaching experience. The patience and work ethic instilled in all servicemembers lend themselves to teaching positions; you'll need both when attempting to quell a rowdy classroom and simultaneously teach.

9) Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic – Military service prepares you for dealing with emergency situations; you know what it's like to let training kick in when your brain wants to panic or freeze. Emergency medical technicians and paramedics are under constant pressure to respond to emergency situations in an effective and timely manner, so just about all veterans will have a leg up on the competition when applying for this career.

10) Fire Engineering/Fire Science – Just like a criminal justice degree aids in applying to law enforcement jobs, fire engineering and fire science degrees help in becoming a firefighter. Veterans are already physically and mentally capable of performing these jobs and securing extra knowledge in a classroom will only help qualify you further for these positions.

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