

BUILDING A RESUME WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY

There are several ways to earn college credits and certifications in the United States Navy.

However, the Nuclear Navy gives you the greatest educational attainment compared to any other navy rating, earning up to 70+ college credit recommendations in the first 2 years.

Please explore the enclosed “Joint Service Transcripts” for three Navy Nuclear sailors with extremely differing curriculums, beginnings, and career trajectories.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

ETN1(SS) Moses Angel Ortiz – Electronics Technician (Nuclear) First Class – Earned 149 college credit recommendations in a 6 year period. He plans to use his Forever G/I Bill to earn a Master’s Degree in Electronic Engineering from the University of Michigan at no charge to himself. He will apply to DTE energy and earn a Department of Energy reactor operator’s license.

MMN1(SS) Alexander Donald Carlstedt – Machinist’s Mate (Nuclear) First Class – Earned 111 college credit recommendations in a 6 year period. He plans to stay in the Navy for a full 20 career and receive a pension from the US government. He will use his Forever G/I Bill to earn his master’s degree for free and apply to become a “Limited Duty Officer (LDO)” for the USN. He will then go on to work at Naval Reactors until his second retirement.

EMN1(SW/SS) Tony Leon Kendrick – Electrician’s Mate (Nuclear) First Class – He utilized TA, CLEP, JST, to earn a BSN in Nuclear Engineering Technology in the United States Navy at no charge. He took advantage of USMAPS program to earn an (8000 hour) electrician apprenticeship recognized by the department of labor. He plans to divide his Forever G/I Bill between his wife and children.

SKILLS

- Electronics Technician – Reactor Operation, Electronic Component Troubleshooting, Fiber Optics
- Machinist Mate – Quality Assurance, Refrigeration, Gage Calibration, Emergency Welding, Water Treatment Operator, Machinery Mechanic, Industrial Maintenance
- Machinist Mate (Engineering Laboratory Technician) – Radiation Detection, Engineering Plant Chemistry Control
- Electrician’s Mate – Electrical Journeyman’s License, Power Plant Operator, Electric-Motor Repair

NAVY COLLEGE ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

Forever G/I Bill – Up to \$180,000 for Tuition/Room/Board/Books at any university. Money for room/board is given directly to the Navy Sailor's personal finance accounts to spend at his/her discretion (live on campus, an apartment, or the mortgage for a home).

If 10 years of service is spent in the United States Military, the individual may elect to give the funds to a spouse or children, even being able to split the benefits between all.

Over a 36 month period (8 college semesters):

\$25,162/year for tuition, \$1,000/year for books, \$3,081/month for room/board based on location

<https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

Joint Service Transcript (JST) – Earn college credit recommendations by The American Council on Education (ACE) for participating in Navy training for your career, advancing in rank, and earning certifications.

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

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) – A series of 33 standardized subject exams that can be taken for recommended college credit introductory-level classes taken in the first two years of college. Recognized at over 2,900 participating colleges and universities. All first attempts on exams are funded by the United States Navy.

<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/sailors/resources.htm>

Tuition Assistance (TA) – Pay up to 100% of tuition charged by education institutions after your second year of service in the United States Navy using online courses or “brick and mortar” institutions.

<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/sailors/tuition-assistance-ncpace.htm>

Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) - Pay up to 100% of tuition charged by education institutions while serving aboard a ship at sea.

<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/sailors/tuition-assistance-ncpace.htm>

United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAPS) – Work and record hours used to obtain a trade skill certification. Availability based on Navy rating (job type specialization).

<https://usmap.osd.mil/>