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Army National Guard Education Programs and Services

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GI Bill® Programs





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Topics/Programs

- MGIB-Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
- MGIB-Selected Reserve “Kicker”
- MGIB-Active Duty (Chapter 30)
- Post 9-11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB)



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- What Is It?
 - GI Bill Program for members of the Selected Reserve
- How Do I Qualify?
 - Have a High School Diploma or Equivalency
 - Sign a six-year contract or Officer Service Agreement
 - Complete IADT/BOLC (MOSQ or Branch Qualified)
- What Do I Get?
 - \$481 per month (Paid directly to the Soldier)
 - Up to 36 months of benefits
 - Can be used simultaneously with FTA for the same course (must be enrolled half-time or more)



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- What Is It?
 - An additional monthly payment in addition to your basic GI Bill basic benefit
- How Do I Qualify?
 - Be eligible for MGIB-SR (Chapter 1606) or MGIB-AD (Chapter 30)
 - Agree to serve in a critical skill/unit (NPS/PS/Reenlistment), enter an officer commissioning program (ROTC, Officer or Warrant Officer), or within one year of commissioning
 - Sign a six-year contract or officer service agreement (enlist or extend)
 - Meet all other criteria as listed in the current ARNG SRIP/Kicker Policy
- What Do I Get?
 - \$200 or \$350 per month, depending on contract
 - In addition to Chapter 1606, 30 or Post-9/11 GI Bill basic benefit



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- What is It?
 - A GI Bill Program for Soldiers who serve on Active Duty
- How Do I Qualify?
 - Have qualifying AD service on or after 1 Jul 85 or AGR service after 29 Nov 89
 - Complete at least two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32)
 - Complete a mobilization of at least two continuous years (730 days)
 - Contribute \$100/month for 12 months
 - For Plus-up, contribute up to an additional \$600
- What Do I Get?
 - Three-year rate: \$2,438/month (Consecutive service of more than 3 years)
 - Two-year rate - \$1,978/month (Consecutive service of more than 2 years but less than 3 years)
 - Can be used simultaneously with FTA
 - Plus-Up option adds up to \$150 per month



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- What Is It?
 - A GI Bill Program for Soldiers who serve on Active Duty
- How Do I Qualify?
 - Serve at least 90 days in a period of qualifying active duty on/after Sep 11, 2001
 - Qualifying Active Duty service is:
 - Service in any active component: Title 10 USC, Sections 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12301(h), 12302, 12304, 12304a, or 12304b
 - Title 10 or 32 AGR
 - Title 32 USC, Section 502(f):
 - Between 11 Sep 01 – 31 May 02, in support of Operation Noble Eagle
 - Between 15 Feb 2019 – 20 Jan 2021 in support of Operation Guardian Shield
 - Between 22 Mar 2020 – 1 Jul 2022 in response to COVID-19
 - Between 14 Jan 2021 – 23 May 2021 in Support of the Capitol Police/59th Inauguration
 - Awarded a Purple Heart
 - Serve in a qualifying duty status for more than 30 days and separate due to a service-connected disability or injury



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Post-9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33)

■ Non-Qualifying Service:

- Title 32 FTNGD-OS/ADOS/ADSW (Other than previously noted)
- Service Academy Contract Period
- ROTC Active Duty Contract Period
- Active Duty used for Active Duty Loan Repayment
- Active Duty period receiving less than Honorable discharge

■ Basic Training and AIT:

- Can be added to established qualifying time if:
 - You already completed 24 months of other qualifying active duty time; and
 - Your Basic Training and/or AIT occurred on or after 9/11/2001



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■ What Do I Get?

Service Requirements on/after 9/11/01 an individual must serve an aggregate of	Payment Tiers Percentage
At least 36 cumulative months or Purple Heart award	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
At least 30 cumulative months	90%
At least 24 cumulative months	80%
At least 18 cumulative months	70%
At least 6 cumulative months	60%
At least 90 cumulative days	50%

*** Payment Tier applies to Tuition & Fees, Books & Supplies Stipend, and Housing Stipend**



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Post-9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33)

- **What Do I Get? Continued,**
 - **Tuition and Fees**
 - Pays up to 100% of in-state tuition and fees at public schools
 - Pays private and out-of-state tuition and fees up to the VA cap of \$28,937.09 annually
 - Payments made directly to the school
 - **Pays After**
 - Any scholarship
 - Federal/State Tuition Assistance
 - Employer based aid or other assistance
 - **Yellow Ribbon Program**
 - Must be eligible for 100% payment tier to qualify
 - School must elect to participate
 - VA may match up to 50% of the cost that exceeds the VA Tuition Cap
 - Includes private schools & out of state schools
 - Go to www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/ or contact your school's Veterans' benefits representative for more information



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- **What Do I Get? Continued,**
 - **Monthly Housing Allowance**
 - Paid directly to the student
 - Must be attending more than half-time
 - Payment is equivalent to BAH for an E-5 w/dependents
 - Payment is determined by zip code of campus where attending classes
 - Prorated based on training time and payment tier
 - Not eligible while serving in a qualifying active-duty status
 - Payment is \$1,177.50/month if only attending only online/distance learning classes



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Post-9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33)

■ What Do I Get? Continued,

■ Books and Supplies

- Paid directly to the student
- Up to \$1,000 per academic year
- Computed at \$41.67 per credit hour
- Lump sum payment (each quarter, semester or term attended) paid directly to the student
- Prorated based on the individual's payment tier (50% to 100%) and rate of pursuit
- Eligible regardless of duty status

■ Period of Use

- While on Active Duty or non-Active Duty status
- If last date of qualifying duty is before 1 January 2013, eligibility expires 15 years from date of last Active Duty discharge;
- If last date of qualifying duty is on/after 1 January 2013, eligibility does not expire
- Delimiting date can be extended by qualifying service of at least 90 consecutive days



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Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB)

■ What Is It?

- A GI Bill Incentive Program that allows Soldiers to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to spouses/dependents in exchange for continued service.

■ How Do I Qualify?

- Be currently serving in the Armed Forces, and
 - Have completed at least 6 years in the Armed Forces, and
 - Not have any adverse action flag (including APFT/ABCP failure), and
 - Agree to serve 4 years from the transfer request date
- Important!
 - **Must initiate transfer of benefits while serving in the Armed Forces*
 - **After retiring or separating, can revoke or modify only existing transferred benefits*



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Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB)

■ What Do I Get?

- May transfer remaining months of Post-9/11 benefit or *up to* 36 months of benefits, whichever is less
- DEERS Eligible Dependents;
 - Spouse
 - Can use immediately after receiving approved TEB
 - Same payments and delimiting date as transferring Soldier
 - Children
 - Must transfer before child turns 21 (before 23 if a full-time student)
 - Wards/Foster Children must have lived with the sponsor for at least 12 continuous months
 - Can use after SM has served at least 10 years in the Armed Forces
 - Can use as early as age 18 or receipt of HS completion equivalent certificate
 - Ends at age 26 or when benefits are exhausted, whichever comes first



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Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB)

- How Do I Apply?
- TEB Process:
 - Step 1: Contact the DVA at 1-888-422-4551 (888-GIBILL-1) to determine how many months are available to be transferred
 - Step 2: Complete a DA Form 4836 Extension of Enlistment (if needed) with unit
 - Step 3: Ensure extension and current NGB 23 is uploaded into iPERMS
 - Step 4: Apply on-line at: <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>
 - Follow instructions sent to military email by ARNG Education Support Center
 - Step 5: Return to milConnect, print your approval letter, and write down your ‘Obligation End Date’ (OED)

Don't wait, submit your TEB request TODAY!



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How to Apply for VA Benefits

- **Apply On Line at:** www.va.gov
 - Click on “Apply for education benefits” in Education tile
- **Information Needed**
 - School name and course of study
 - Personal Information (Address, Phone, etc...)
 - Bank account routing number and account number
- **Supporting Documents**
 - DD214 and/or Orders (Title 10 Mobilizations, Title 10 AGR/ADOS, Title 32 AGR)
 - Ensure all orders/DD 214s and current NGB 23 are in your iPERMS record
- **For VA Education Support**
 - Call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) between 7am - 6pm Central, Monday-Friday
 - For quickest response, send an online inquiry to “Ask VA” Portal at:
<https://ask.va.gov/>



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Federal Tuition Assistance





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■ What Is it?

- Financial assistance to help Soldiers with off-duty voluntary civilian educational pursuits

■ How Do I Qualify?

- Be actively serving in the ARNG (Completion of BT/AIT not required)
- Have a Common Access Card (CAC)
- Not flagged or pending unfavorable action
- Maintain 2.0 undergraduate or 3.0 for graduate GPA*
- Commit to service obligation:
 - Commissioned Officers/Warrants (2 years/AGR, 4 years/TPU/Mday)
 - Enlisted (complete FTA-funded courses prior to ETS)

****Important!*** Soldiers in undergraduate classes receiving F or D grades and Soldiers in graduate classes receiving C, D, or F grades will be recouped any FTA funds paid



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■ What Do I Get?

- 100% of tuition cost up to \$250 per semester hour (\$166 per quarter hour, or \$5.55 per clock hour) up to 18 semester/27 quarter hours per fiscal year
 - Max \$4,500 fiscal year (Max TA and CA)
 - May be used towards an Associate, Bachelor's, or Master's degree*
 - Career limits for FTA are:
 - 130 undergraduate semester hours
 - 39 graduate semester hours
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- **Important!**
 - *FTA will not pay for a second degree at any level regardless of the funding used for the first degree
 - *FTA does not cover fees or books



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■ How Do I Apply?

- Create an ArmyIgnitED student account
 - Go to <https://www.armyignited.army.mil> and establish a student account
- Complete Career Path Decide Decision Support Tool
- Request an Education Goal (select your school and degree program)
- Enroll in courses at your school
- Return to ArmyIgnitED and request TA
- All Federal TA requests must be submitted and approved prior to the course start date.
 - Soldiers may apply within 60 days prior of course start date but NLT 7 days prior to course start date of the course
 - Must submit a degree plan after completion of 6SHs
 - You must submit an FTA request for each individual course for funding
- For assistance:
 - Contact your State ESS, Guidance Counselor or ESO:
<https://www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state>



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Credentialing Assistance





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Credentialing Assistance

- **What Is It?**
 - An Army education program that provides financial assistance to help pay for a credential or licensure listed on the Army COOL Web site
- **How Do I Qualify?**
 - Be actively serving in the ARNG (Completion of BT/AIT not required)
 - Have a Common Access Card (CAC)
 - Not flagged or pending unfavorable action
 - Officers no longer incur a Military Service Obligation (MSO)
 - Have an ETS or MRD 31+ days remaining in service after the completion of CA funded course(s)/exam(s).
- **What Do I Get?**
 - Up to \$2,000 each fiscal year (\$4,500 Max TA and CA)
 - CA pays for training, materials, supplies, books, fees, and exam costs
 - Credentials must be listed on the Army COOL web site at: <https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/>
 - Credential does not have to be related to the Soldier's MOS



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Credentialing Assistance

■ How Do I Apply?

- Contact your State ESO/ESS to discuss the CA application process and verify eligibility
- Ensure your credential is listed on Army COOL: <https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/>
- Apply online at <https://www.armyignited.army.mil> 45+ days prior to course/exam start date



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Credentialing Assistance

■ What Are The Most Popular Certifications?

- Associate Professional in HR (aPHR)
- Certified Logistics Technician (CLT)
- Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)
- Certified Welder (CW) Commercial
- Certified Personal Trainer
- Commercial Driver License (CDL)
- CompTIA
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Lean Six Sigma
- Project Mgt Professional (PMP)
- Private Pilot, Airplane Single Engine
- CompTIA A+ CompTIA Security +ce

■ Where Can I Go For Testing?

- There are two major companies that offer certification and licensure exams. You can find local test centers on their websites.
 - Pearson VUE: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/>
 - Prometric: <https://www.prometric.com/en-us/Pages/home.aspx>



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Army Personnel Testing-APT

- **What Is It?**
 - Standardized tests to determine eligibility for specialized training and to support the Army's personnel selection and classification process, including language proficiency testing
- **How Do I Qualify?**
 - Be an actively drilling member of the Army National Guard
 - Not have taken the requested test within
 - The last 6 months for AFCT and DLAB
 - The last 9 months for DLPT or OPI
 - The last 45 days for SIFT



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Army Personnel Testing-APT

■ What Do I Get?

- Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)
 - Take this test to raise GT/Line Scores to change your MOS or qualify for Officer Candidate School
- Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB), Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT), and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)
 - Take these tests to qualify for Foreign Language Billets and Proficiency Bonuses
- Selection Instrument for Flight Training (SIFT)
 - Take this test to qualify for Aviation School



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Army Personnel Testing-APT

- **AFCT prep materials**
 - ***Online Academic Skills Course (OASC).** OASC focuses on preparing you with the academic skills needed to do well on the ASVAB, also known as the AFCT for those already in the military. The skills you’ll learn are also applicable to many other standardized exams. <https://dantes.petersons.com/>
 - ***Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP).** Provides on-duty academic instruction to support Soldier learning, self-development and career progression. BSEP instruction assists in the development of reading and math skills. Offered at all active Army Installations, some ARNG States, and by NGB at the Professional Education Center (PEC).
 - **DoD MWR Library** Free library resources to service members and their families. You can access different digital libraries by logging into MWR Library and clicking on a selected library like EBSCO Learning Express. EBSCO provides practice test on ASVAB, AFCT, SIFT, CLEP, DSST and much more. <http://mwrlibrary.armybiznet.com/>

***OASC and BSEP are the only approved study programs for an AFCT Exception to Policy (ETP)**



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Army Personnel Testing-APT

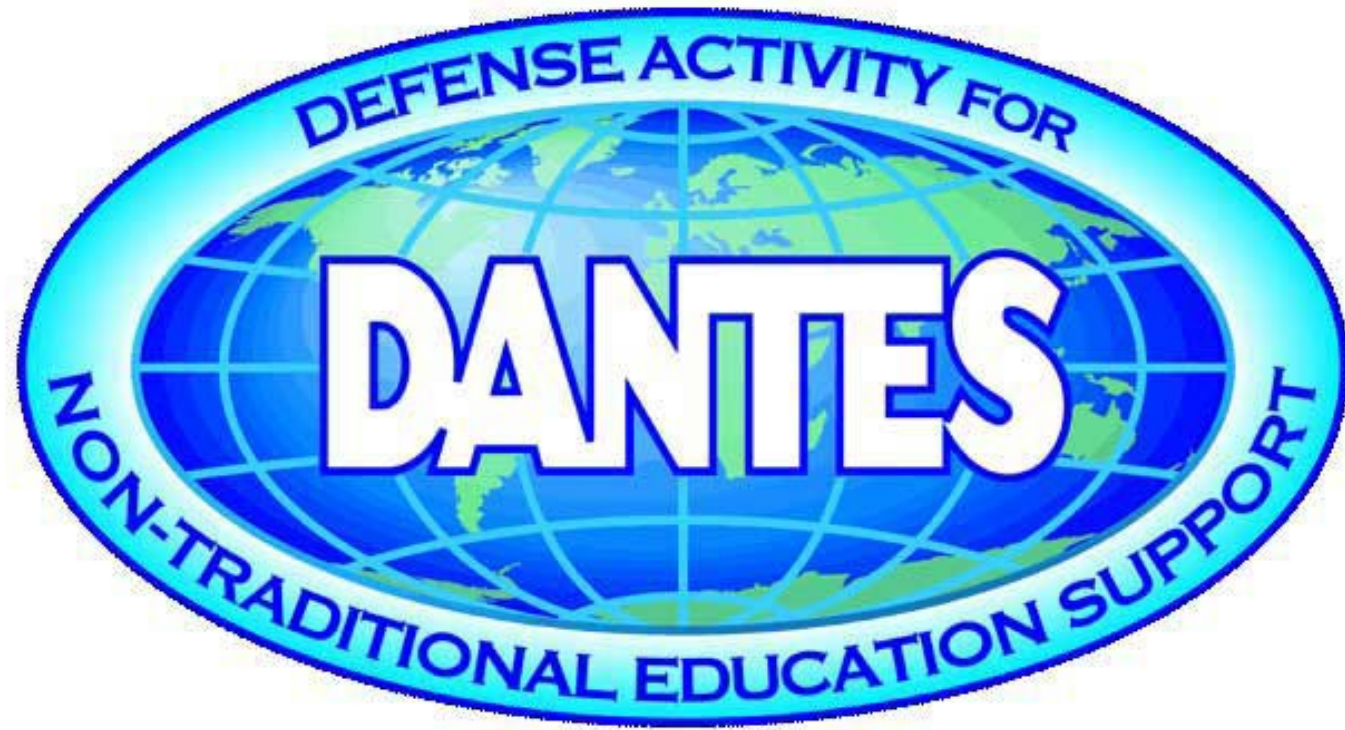
- How Do I Apply?
 - Contact your State ESO at:
 - www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state
 - Contact your local Active-Duty Education Center
 - <https://home.army.mil/imcom/application/files/4817/1931/6203/EdCenterPOCS.pdf>



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DANTES Programs





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- **What Is It?**
 - The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) sponsors college credit equivalency exams (CLEP and DSST) to assist Soldiers in their academic pursuits
- **How Do I Qualify?**
 - Be an active drilling member of the Army National Guard
 - Have knowledge of the subject area

**Saves you time
and money!**



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■ How Do I Apply?

- Step 1: Visit the College Board web site at: <https://clep.collegeboard.org>
- Step 2: Contact your state education office and/or school to ask questions, determine your school policy on credit-by-exam acceptance, and get additional help with finding a testing location and registering to take an exam
- Step 3: Create your college board account and register for a test at: www.account.collegeboard.org/login/signUp
 - When registering, designate yourself as DANTES-funded and answer questions about your military Service to receive DANTES funding
 - During the registration process, indicate DANTES-funding eligible



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DANTES Sponsored Exams

■ How Do I Apply?

- Step 4: Prepare for your test. View sample questions and get study materials from the [CollegeBoard website](#).
- Step 5: Take the test. Present the printed "ticket", your authorized military I.D. (e.g. CAC) and a second form of I.D. to the Test Administrator
- Step 6: View your results. All CLEP exam registrations come with a free score report sent to your college of choice, which must be input when you register.
- For more information go to the DANTES web site at: <https://www.dantes.mil/clep/>



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■ What is It?

- A record of your military educational experiences, including those for which there are evaluated college credit recommendations.
 - Helps college registrars award college credit for learning experiences gained while in the military.
 - The acceptance of American Council on Education (ACE) credit recommendations varies depending on an institution's policies, procedures, and degree requirements.
 - Provides a supplement to a Soldier's resume and provides employers with a good understanding of the scope of responsibilities and skills acquired while serving in the military.

■ How Do I Qualify?

- All current and former members of the military are eligible to access their JST

■ What Do I Get?

- To request a transcript visit the JST Web site at <https://jst.doded.mil/>

IMPORTANT! Use the JST to find out how much college credit you may already have!



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Tools to help make your education decision (1 of 3)

- **TA DECIDE:** www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE/
 - A DoD website designed to help Soldiers select a school, choose the right program in which to enroll, and make decisions that are aligned with unique personal goals.
- **CAREER PATH DECIDE:** <https://careerpathdecide.usalearning.gov/>
 - A decision support tool to help Service members and Veterans identify, prepare for, and become increasingly qualified for employment as they transition military service to the civilian workforce. *Recommend starting with introductory video at the top right of the page.*



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Tools to help make your education decision (2 of 3)

- **GI Bill Comparison Tool:**

- <http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

- Enables users to calculate benefits and research approved programs of study. Users enter their military status, the GI Bill benefit they plan to use and information about their school or employer.

- **College Navigator:** <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

- Provides important data to help refine a college search. Allows you to explore and compare features of different institutions, including programs and majors, degree levels, institution type, admissions considerations, pinpoint school locations with an interactive map, and export search results.

- **College Scorecard:** <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

- A U.S. Department of Education webpage designed to assist prospective students in determining which school to attend.



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Tools to help make your education decision (3 of 3)

- **CollegeRecon:** <https://www.collegerecon.com/search.php>
 - A virtual tool providing an unbiased and secure environment for current and former military personnel to connect with over 3,000 not-for-profit colleges and universities from across the country.
- **Kuder Journey:** <http://dantes.kuder.com>
 - A one-stop-shop for Service members as they plan, prepare and transition to civilian employment. Three easy step by step assessments provide a reliable foundation for which military members can build plans for the future.
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH):** www.bls.gov/ooh
 - A resource offering information on the hundreds of occupations that provide the overwhelming majority of jobs in the United States. Includes duties, work environment, education and training, median pay and job outlook. *Recommend watching the introductory video near the top of the page under “Home.”*



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Tools to help while you're in college (1 of 3)

- **Coalition for College:** <http://coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
 - Offers fee waivers for veterans and those currently serving that allows eligible students to apply to most member schools without paying any application fees. *Recommend that you start with the introductory video found by clicking “Explore MyCoalition tools.”*
- **Army e-Learning:** <https://usarmy.skillport.com/skillportfe/custom/login/usarmy/login.action>
 - Over 5,000 Information Technology, Business Skills, and Interpersonal Skills courses from any location, around the clock (24/7).
- **Khan Academy:** www.khanacademy.org
 - Free courses in Math, Science, Economics and Finance, Humanities, and Computer programming.
- **OASC/CPST:** <https://www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/prep-for-college/oasc-cpst.html>
 - OASC and CPST are available to Service members, DoD civilians, and family members, to help prepare for college, build academic skills, and prepare for exams such as CLEP or DSST.



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Tools to help while you're in college (2 of 3)

- **Coursera:** www.coursera.org
 - Offers courses online for anyone to take, for free. Coursera offers courses in a wide range of topics, spanning the Humanities, Medicine, Biology, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Business, Computer Science, and many others.
- **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC):** www.class-central.com
 - Online courses that provide traditional course materials such as filmed lectures, readings, and problem sets, as well as providing interactive user forums to support community interactions between students, professors, and teaching assistants.
- **O*NET OnLine:** <http://www.onetonline.org/>
 - The nation's primary source of occupational information. Central to the project is the O*NET data-base, containing information on hundreds of standardized and occupation-specific descriptors.
- **HERC and DegreeQuest:** <http://degreequickly.com/nationalguard.html>
 - Free guidance, degree planning and support to Soldiers, spouses and dependent children of college age, using their patented degree exploration system, DegreeQuest®..



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Tools to help while you're in college (3 of 3)

- **Modern States Education Alliance:** <https://modernstates.org/>
 - MSA non-profit organization that offers free college courses to help students prepare for CLEP and Advanced Placement (AP) exams. MSEA offers over 70 high quality CLEP and AP prep courses from top institutions that cover almost all CLEP exams. *Recommend that you start by clicking on “How It Works” at the top of the page.*
- **Federal Alliance:**
<https://www.opm.gov/wiki/training/Federal-Governmentwide-Academic-Alliances.ashx>
 - Partnerships established by OPM with several colleges and universities to provide reduced tuition rates and additional learning opportunities to the federal workforce (including military personnel, spouses and dependents).
- **Free Tutoring:** <https://military.tutor.com/home>
 - Tutor.com provides homework and study help from a professional tutor. It is FREE for Soldiers and family members. Tutors are available 24/7 to help in more than 16 subjects, including test prep, proofreading, Math, Science, and English



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- CLEP Exams: <http://clep.collegeboard.org>
- DSST Exams: <http://getcollegecredit.com/>
- ACT: <http://www.act.org>
- SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>
- GMAT: <http://www.mba.com/us>
- GRE: <https://www.ets.org/gre>
- GED: <https://ged.com/>
- Praxis: <http://www.ets.org/praxis>
- Credentialing Opportunities Online: <https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/>
- TEB Request: <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>
- eBenefits: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>
- Joint Service Transcripts: <https://jst.doded.mil>
- Army eLearning:
<https://usarmy.skillport.com/skillportfe/custom/login/usarmy/login.action>
(Click on Self Service then My Education for Army eLearning)



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The ESC serves the ARNG 54 States and Territories by providing the following key services:

- Education Counseling Support
- Chapter 1606/Kicker case management
- Chapter 30 enrollment
- Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) case management
- Department of Veterans Affairs case management
- Recoupment processing
- Marketing and Social Media Support
- Training for the GI Bill Managers Course and the Education Services Course

If you require assistance or have questions about your education benefits, contact the ESC at:

- Ph: 1-866-ARNGEDU (276-4338)
- Email: arng.esc@army.mil





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