

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ★



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Education Support Programs

The Departments of Defense, Army, DVA, Labor, and Education offer several education counseling programs to help you decide your academic future. There are also several non-governmental programs designed to help you succeed in your education endeavors. Some of these programs are described below.

Tools to Help Make Your Educational Decisions

- **VIA:** www.goarmyed.com
A decision support tool that helps you identify your long term career goal, choose a degree plan that prepares you for your career goal and select a “best fit” and “best value” school offering your preferred degree plan.
- **TA DECIDE:** www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE/
An online tool to support decision-making when it comes to selecting schools, choosing the right program in which to enroll, and making decisions that are aligned with unique personal goals.
- **Career Path DECIDE:** <https://careerpathdecide.org/>
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.
- **College Navigator:** <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
The interactive site allows you to explore and compare features of different institutions, including programs and majors, degree levels, institution type, and admissions considerations, pinpoint school locations with an interactive map, and export search results into a spreadsheet file format.
- **College Scorecard:** <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
A U.S. Department of Education webpage designed to assist prospective students in determining which school to attend.
- **GI Bill Comparison Tool:** <https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' GI Bill Comparison Tool enables users to calculate benefits and research approved programs of study.
- **Kuder Journey:** <http://dantes.kuder.com>
A one-stop-shop for Service members as they plan, prepare and transition to civilian employment.
- **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.
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH):** www.bls.gov/ooh
A career resource offering information on the hundreds of occupations that provide the overwhelming majority of jobs in the United States.
- **O*NET On-Line:** <http://www.onetonline.org/>
The database provides the basis for our Career Exploration Tools, a set of valuable assessment instruments for workers and students looking to find or change careers.

Tools to Help While You Are in School

- **Army e-Learning:** www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/eLearningWelcome.aspx
All actively serving members of the ARNG as well as Department of the Army civilian employees, are authorized to access over 5,000 Information Technology, Business Skills, and Interpersonal Skills courses from any location, around the clock (24/7).
- **Khan Academy:** www.khanacademy.org
A not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education for anyone anywhere. **Free of charge.**
- **OASC and CPST:** www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantesnet/
Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) and College Placement Skills Training (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.
- **Federal Academic Alliance:**
<https://www.opm.gov/wiki/training/Federal-Governmentwide-Academic-Alliances.ashx>
The US Office of Personnel Management partnered with several colleges and universities to provide additional learning opportunities to the federal workforce (including military personnel) by arranging reduced tuition rates.
- **Coursera:** www.coursera.org
Coursera is an education company that partners with the top universities and organizations in the world to offer courses online for anyone to take, **FOR FREE**. Technology enables Coursera partners to teach millions of students rather than hundreds.
- **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC):** <https://www.classcentral.com/>
MOOCs 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](#). MOOCs can especially be useful when preparing for CLEP and DSST exams.
- **Modern States Education Alliance (MSEA):** <https://modernstates.org>
Through MSEA Soldiers can earn college credit by taking free on line college prep courses and a corresponding CLEP exam at no cost at a nearby National Test Center (NTC).

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