

# EDUCATION CENTER SERVICES

Army Continuing Education Services

USAG Bavaria Education Centers

Grafenwöhr(Tower Barracks)- Vilseck(Rose Barracks)- Hohenfels



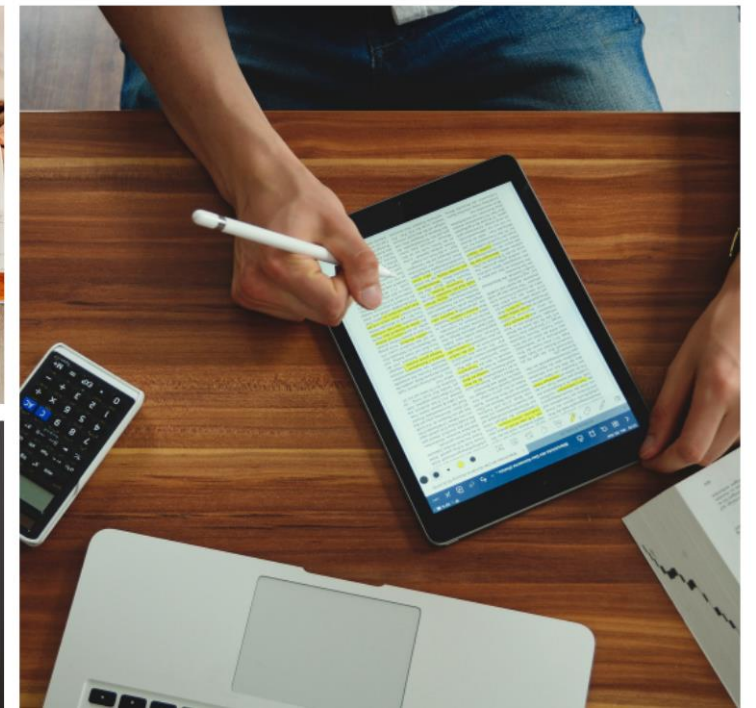
## OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S BRIEF

- Overview of Education Counseling Services
- Funding Your Education
  - BSEP Classes
  - Testing Services
- Meet your On-Post College Representatives



# WHY IS EDUCATION IMPORTANT?

Can Assist with Promotion  
Encourages Hiring and Retention  
Develops Self-Esteem  
Enhances Future Opportunities



# OVERVIEW OF COUNSELING SERVICES

- Help Soldiers set and reach education goals, including school research, starting classes and testing
- Assist Spouses with MyCAA & Family Members w/ college planning, and scholarship opportunities
- Assist Soldiers with Scholarship research, **Tuition Assistance**, and **Credentialing Assistance**
- Verify school accreditation
- Provide information on the Montgomery GI Bill, Post 9/11 GI Bill, and Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB)
- Assist with training and licensure opportunities
- Create **memos** for promotion points and degree verification
- Interest and Career Assessments
- Provide guidance for your Joint Service Transcripts

# JOINT SERVICE TRANSCRIPTS

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SSN: XXX-XX-XXXX  
Rank: Sergeant (E5)  
Status: Separated

**Military Courses**

| Military Course ID | ACE Identifier   | Course Title   | Date Taken                 | ACE Credit Recommendation | Level |
|--------------------|------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 750-BT             | AR-2201-0399 V02 | Basic Combat Training  | 04-FEB-2001 to 08-APR-2001 |                           |       |
|                    |                  | Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to demonstrate the skills necessary for survival in a combat environment including marksmanship, physical conditioning, navigation, and combat techniques.   |                            |                           |       |
|                    |                  | • First Aid  |                            | 1 SH                      | L     |
|                    |                  | • Marksmanship   |                            | 2 SH                      | L     |
|                    |                  | • Physical Conditioning (10-02)(10-02)   |                            | 2 SH                      | L     |
| 401-403 (GUSB)     | DD-1801-0036 V02 | Geospatial Engineer  | 11-APR-2001 to 31-AGO-2001 |                           |       |
|                    |                  | Defense Geospatial Intelligence School<br>Fort Belvoir, VA   |                            |                           |       |
|                    |                  | Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to interpret and synthesize essential elements of geospatial information and produce maps from these data; describe basic map reading and physical geography including weather; perform basic digital cartography and map production, deriving and interpret overlays, including transportation, surface damage, vegetation, surface geology and land zoning, communication lines, and urban features; employ map reading skills and interpretation and measurement from remotely sensed imagery; have a foundation in basic Windows operating systems; perform basic image processing techniques using a variety of software, including raster and vector based images; access and produce products using Department of Defense digital geospatial data, present and defend decision making graphics in a military environment; and apply techniques of geospatial information systems. |                            |                           |       |
|                    |                  | • Map And Terrain Analysis   |                            | 3 SH                      | L     |
|                    |                  | • Geospatial Information Systems   |                            | 3 SH                      | U     |

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# FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

Tuition and Credentialing  
Assistance

GI Bills

Scholarships and Loans



# ACTIVE-DUTY BENEFITS: TUITION AND CREDENTIALING ASSISTANCE

All service members have a

## \$4,500

cap; and there are 2 ways to utilize your benefits!

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

- **Voluntary** benefit for soldiers who wish to pursue a degree or certificate
- 18 semester hours per fiscal year
- \$250 per semester hour
- Covers first Associate, Bachelors and Masters degrees. No duplicate or lateral degrees
- Failing a class results in recoupment
- Can earn promotion points

## CREDENTIALING ASSISTANCE

- **Voluntary** benefit for Soldiers who wish to pursue a licensure or certification
- Can pay for training, exam, study materials & fees
- Cap \$2,000 and One credential/FY
- 3 credential limit every 10 years of service
- Will be recouped for a failed exam or failure to take exam
- Can earn promotion points

# TUITION AND CREDENTIALING ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

- Must attend ArmyIgnitED 101 Brief before using funding to learn the basics
- Can have NO Personnel Flags
- First Course Rule for those who have no prior college experience
- Maintain your GPA (2.0 GPA for undergraduate 3.0 GPA for graduate)
- Officers will incur a 2-year ADSO
- Evaluated Degree Plan (EDP) is required after making TA requests for 2 courses

## CREDENTIALING ASSISTANCE

- Can have NO Personnel Flags
- Officers can use until Spring 2025; no ADSO
- No GPA requirement
- Failing a credential/ exam or failing to sit for an exam results in recoupment
- First time CA users must complete MilGears Plan and upload to Army Ignited
- CA 101 Training video is located on Army COOL site.

## FIRST COURSE RULE

- In accordance with DoDI 1322.19 (Voluntary Education Programs Overseas Areas), to receive TA, new Soldiers arriving to an overseas duty location who have NOT previously taken a postsecondary course:
  - Can enroll in their first postsecondary course or program on site or distance learning
  - Must enroll in courses offered by institutions under the voluntary education program
  - May not receive TA for courses offered by non-approved program institution overseas. This limitation will apply to the first postsecondary course requested and successfully completed by the Soldier
  - Provide a transcript to Education Center to prove you have taken a course before to be exempt from the First Course Rule.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE-HOST NATION GOAL

- Eligible Soldiers can use up to 12 SH of TA to take foreign language courses in the host-country
  - Eligible Soldiers must be in-country on **approved orders** and can only request the host country language (in our case German is the only approved language)
- Soldiers are only eligible for TA funding for host language courses while in-country so Education Goal must be made obsolete when PCSing from that location (unless PCSing within the same country)

## ARMYIGNITED



## Accessing Tuition and Credentialing Assistance

- The ArmyIgnitED is the platform through which service members request tuition and credentialing assistance. The new version of Army IgnitED launched August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- ***Please go to: [www.armyignited.army.mil/student](http://www.armyignited.army.mil/student) to log into your account today!***
- CAC is required for log in. Please insert CAC prior to logging onto ArmyIgnitED
- Best accessed on government computer using Chrome or Edge

# ArmyIgnitED 101

## INFORMATIONAL BRIEF

Learn about your annual voluntary education funding and how to access it!

- Tuition Assistance
- College Information
- Garrison Schools
- First Course Rule
- AIE Enrollment
- Recoupments
- Step by Step Guidance

★ Brief is Required before Education Goal Approval ★

### Weekly TA Briefs:

| Rose Barracks        | Tower Barracks                | Hohenfels |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesdays and Fridays | Tuesdays & Fridays            | Tuesdays  |
| 1400                 | Tuesday: 1000<br>Friday: 1400 | 1400      |
| Briefing Room        | MLF Lab                       | MLF Lab   |

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Hohenfels (Bldg. 351):  
DSN: 522-2259 / CIV: 09472-708-2259

#### Counseling Hours:

M, T, W, and F  
0800-1600  
Thursdays:  
0800-1130  
Closed Training & Federal Holidays

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First time using TA? We have you covered!

The **ArmyIgnitED 101 Brief** will cover:

- The difference between an Academic Institution and the Education Center
- Getting started with career goals and research
- Tuition Assistance: eligibility and coverage
- Benefits of ArmyIgnitED
- How to navigate your ArmyIgnitED account
- Credentialing Assistance
- How to receive counselor support
- How to receive technical support

# GI BILL ELIGIBILITY

|                                   | Montgomery GI Bill  | Post 9/11 GI Bill  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Eligibility                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years Active-Duty Service</li> <li>• Paid in \$1,200 first year of service</li> <li>• Honorable Discharge</li> <li>• Non-transferable</li> <li>• Must be used within 10 years of separating from army</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years Active-Duty Service</li> <li>• Honorable Discharge</li> <li>• The Service Member (SM) must have at least six (6) years of service and commit to an additional four years of service to transfer benefits to an eligible family member.</li> <li>• Family Member must be in the SM's DEERS when they make the transfer.</li> </ul> |
| Benefits (as a full-time student) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly payment to the student (based on student enrollment)</li> <li>• On-the-job training/apprenticeship monthly payments</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of in-state tuition at a public school/up to \$28,937.09 at a private/tech school</li> <li>• Monthly Housing Allowance (rate of an E5 with dependents at school's zip code)</li> <li>• \$1,000 Books/ Supplies Stipend</li> </ul>  |

**For a more in depth look into the GI Bills, please visit us at either education center.**

**Please note that only the VA can provide specific information regarding unique circumstances.**

## EDUCATION INCENTIVES BRANCH

- **Law changing MGIB-AD selection timeline.** The AHRC GI Bill Team will begin pushing out notification messaging starting Nov/Dec 22 timeframe. Effective 5 Jan 2023, the Johnny Isakson and David P. Moe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (reference Section 1003) will prevent RA Soldiers from making the by-law selection to “opt-into” or “opt-out of” the MGIB-AD until they reach the 180-day mark of their Basic Active Service Date (BASD). RA Soldier’s will have from 180 up to 270 days after their BASD to make their MGIB-AD selection and, if they do not, they will be automatically enrolled into the MGIB-AD o/a day 271.
- **EIB’s AHRC GI Bill and RA LRP Websites are at:**
  - **GI Bill:** <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/GI%20Bill%20Programs>
  - **RA LRP:**  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Loan%20Repayment%20Program>

# FINANCIAL AID FOR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS

## **My Career Advancement Account Scholarship (MyCAA)**

- Up to \$4,000 of financial assistance to eligible military spouses
- Pursue a license, certification, or associate's degree
- Eligible for E1--E9, W1--W3, and O-1--O-3 spouses

## **Bavaria Community and Spouses' Club Scholarships**

## **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)\***

## **Capital One Virginia Military Dependent Scholarship**

## **Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation**

## **Mrs. Patty Shinseki Spouse Scholarship Program**

- Must be pursuing first undergraduate degree
- Must apply each year regardless of previous award
- Full-time academic study eligible to apply for 4-years
- Part-time academic study eligible to apply for 8-years

## **Military One Source: Spouse Education and Career opportunities**

\* Also open to service members!

# BASIC SKILLS EDUCATION PROGRAM (BSEP)

**Purpose:** The BSEP (commonly referred to as FAST) class is a 10-day preparatory course designed to assist service members in raising their GT score.

## **Requirements:**

- Attend the BSEP Brief EVERY WEDNESDAY
  - 1000 Tower Barracks (TB)
  - 1400 Rose Barracks (RB)

## **Things to note:**

- BSEP classes are in high demand and typically fill up within the first few days of registration.
- BSEP classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis pending the completion of all registration requirements
- 20 slots per course
- 5 service members will be placed on standby for each BSEP course, meaning if you are unable to attend, your slot will be filled.
- BSEP classes take place at the Rose Barracks and Hohenfels
- Rotational and TDY service members are automatically placed on the standby list.

# TESTING SERVICES

## ARMY PERSONNEL TESTS (APT)

- OPI- Oral Proficiency Interview
- SIFT- Selection Instrument Flight Training
- ASVAB- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
- DLPT-Defense Language Proficiency Test
- AFCT- Armed Forces Classification Test
- DLAB- Defense Language Aptitude Battery

## ACADEMIC TESTING

- TABE-Test of Adult Basic Education
- BMST-Basic Math Science Test
- ICTL-Information/Communication Technology Literacy/Cyber Test
- Typing Test
- ECLT- English Comprehension Language Test

## NATIONAL TESTING CENTER (NTC)

- CLEP/DSST and Excelsior
- Certification Testing/PearsonVUE
- IT and other certifications
- College course test proctoring

National Testing Center POC:  
[ntc.vilseck-europe@umgc.edu](mailto:ntc.vilseck-europe@umgc.edu)

**APT and Academic Testing Service POC:** [usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.mbx.aces@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.mbx.aces@army.mil)

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- Education Counseling - Computer Lab  
- College Representatives - Classrooms

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- College Representatives - Classrooms - Testing

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