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TA 101: GET STARTED

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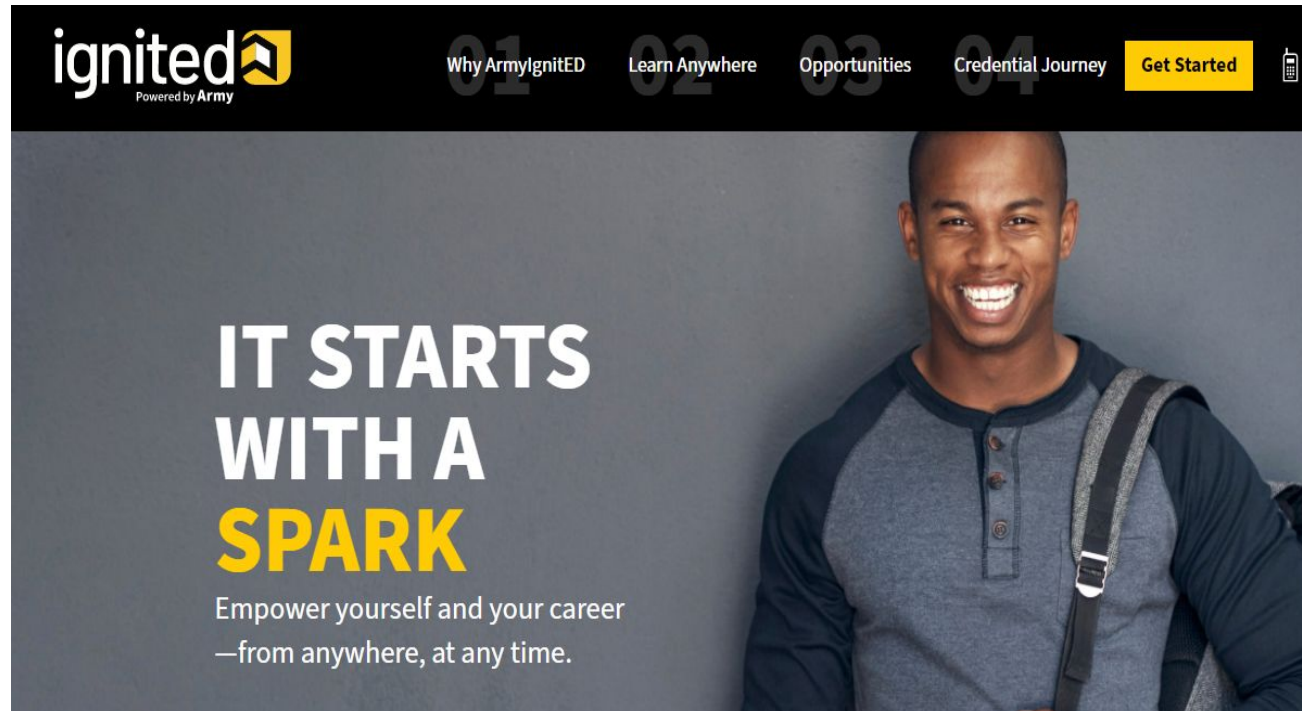


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GO TO ARMYIGNITED.COM & CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT



- Click on “**Get Started**” to start
- A working cell phone number and login.gov account is **required** - use **.mil e-mail for login!**
- If you **cannot** create an account - please request TA using the Exception-to-Policy

- Recommended: Choose your *personal* e-mail when setting up **contact** preferences



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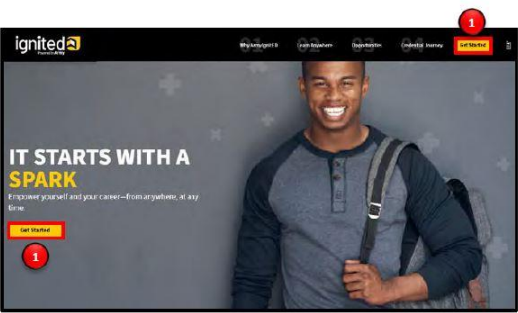
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Still Need A Login.gov Account?

- Click on **“Get Started”** to start
- Click **“Create an Account”** to create your **Login.gov** account
- Go to <https://web.mail.mil/owa> for login.gov **verification link**

Steps to Create an Student User Account

1. Go to www.ArmyIgnitED.com and click **Get Started**.
2. Click **Create an account** to start the process of creating your Login.gov account.
3. Enter the **.mil email address** that you want associated with the account then, click **Submit**.



ArmyIgnitED is using login.gov to allow you to sign in to your account safely and securely.

Enter your email address

****Full Tutorials Available - Ask Ed Counselor****



TA Policy Overview



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Soldiers are now eligible to receive Federal Tuition Assistance, if...



**“First Time”
“Tier 1” TA Users:**

- ❑ **no Bachelor’s OR**
- ❑ **earned Bachelor’s *without* TA AND wish to pursue Master’s degree or certificate**

**Must complete:
AIT/BOLC/WOBC**



“Tier 2” TA Users:

- ❑ **used TA towards undergrad degree AND**
- ❑ **wish to use TA for Master’s OR graduate certificate**

**Must complete:
ALC/CCC/WOAC**



TA Policy Overview

- **16 SH (24 QH) Limit** per Fiscal Year*: Max **\$250** per SH (\$166 per QH)
- **130 SH** (195 QH) cap for undergraduate;
39 SH (58 QH) cap for graduate;
SH (31 QH) cap for certificate programs
- **Remedial** classes/pre-requisites must be listed on degree plan or receive special approval
- Books & fees **not** included (i.e., lab fees)
- Institution **must** be regionally/nationally accredited & Active in ArmyIgnitED
- 21**— Must maintain minimum **2.0 GPA** (undergrad) & **3.0 GPA** (grad)
- **Must** register classes through ArmyIgnitED to count towards ArmyIgnitED GPA

- ⚙️ Officers incur a Mandatory Service Obligation (MSO)
- 2 YR (AD), 4 YR (RC/NG)
- ⚙️ TA is not authorized for a lateral or lower level degree
- ⚙️ TA is recouped for: Grades **below a C** (undergrad), **below a B** (grad), or **incomplete** (if no grade is posted before 120 day max limit)

TA **must** be approved *before* the start date of each class.
TA can be requested **up to 60 days** in advance.

**School admission required:
Start early & plan ahead!**



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*Amount is based on Army Fiscal Year : 01 OCT-30 SEPT

TA Policy: Withdrawals

- Withdrawals **may** be **recoupable** (amount based on school policy)
- Withdrawals for Military Reasons (WM) require written substantiation signed by your first commander and submitted to ESO for approval/rejection
 - **Unanticipated/unscheduled** significant events that occur after class start date
 - HQ audits WMs periodically
 - Poor time management is **not** an event
- Two or more approved WMs in any fiscal year **will** result in account hold
 - You will be required to see a counselor for hold removal



Soldiers deploying
are highly encouraged
to **bring their own Wifi**
connection devices

Make sure you have
a reliable internet
connection
if you plan to take
classes!



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ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES & SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS



TRiO Representative - FAFSA Application Assistance

Bldg 1012 - Rm 214

Phone: (719) 526-6818 or (719) 502-3028 for an appointment

Go to: <https://www.fafsa.ed.gov>



AER – Army Emergency Relief Scholarships

Spouse Education Assistance Program, MG James Ursano Scholarship (Dependent Children) & Mrs. Patty Shinseki Spouse Scholarship Program

Can pay up to four academic years of full-time study or eight academic years of part-time study

Go to: <https://www.aerhq.org/>



MyCAA - Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Program

Spouses of Service Members E1 - E5, W1 & W2, O1 & O2

\$2,000 annual cap, \$4,000 total cap

Phone: (800) 342-9647

Go to: <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil>



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2. CHOOSE the education path best for you



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5 ON-SITE SCHOOLS (APPLICATIONS, ACADEMIC ADVISING)



Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC)**

Associate Degree & Certificate Programs

PPCC grants on-post class reduced tuition for Spouses

719-502-4200

MVP@PPCC.EDU



Colorado State University - Pueblo**

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

719-526-2509

KORINE.NEW@CSUPUEBLO.EDU

EMBRY-RIDDLE
Aeronautical University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

Baccalaureate and Master's Degree Programs

719-576-6858

COLORADOSPRINGS@ERAU.EDU



University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**

Baccalaureate Degree Programs & Certificates

719-526-8066

JYOUNG6@UCCS.EDU



UNIVERSITY
OF MARYLAND
GLOBAL CAMPUS

Formerly UMUC

University of Maryland Global Campus**

Certificates, Associate's, Bachelor's &

Master's Degree Programs

719-313-6411

BASEADVISOR@UMGC.EDU



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****ONLINE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

While You're Deciding, Consider This:

ACCREDITATION

- a **set of standards** schools must adhere to
- Institutional (ex: Regional, National) and program accreditations that may impact your **class transferability** and **career growth**

**** EXPLORE YOUR
CAREER PATH BEFORE
ENROLLING IN CLASSES
TO UNDERSTAND WHAT
YOU NEED****

3 Questions to Help You Choose



1. What do I value?
2. Fast, Quality, or Cheap?
3. What is the ROI?

DEGREE LEVEL & TYPE

- Different career fields require different degree pathways: (AA/AS/AAS/AGS) (BA/BS) (MA/MS/MBA) (Certificates)



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Find Other TA Eligible Schools:

COLLEGE NAVIGATOR & TA DECIDE

- Degree search/program comparison tool
- Tuition, fees, overall cost
- Accreditation/institution type
 - For-profit vs. not-for-profit
 - 2-year vs. 4-year vs. Vocational
- **TIP: Use TA DECIDE** to see how your school *may* list your degree program

<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

<http://www.dodmou.com/tadecide/>

The image shows two overlapping web pages. The background page is the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) College Navigator, which features a search interface with fields for 'Name of School', 'States', 'ZIP Code', 'Miles from', 'Programs/Majors', 'Level of Award', and 'Institution Type'. The foreground page is the Department of Defense (DoD) TA DECIDE website, which has a red header with navigation links like 'Home', 'TA DECIDE', 'Participating Institutions', 'Institution Login', 'Contact Us', and 'FAQ'. The main content area includes a 'Welcome' message, a 'Latest News' section with a date of 'Thursday, May 29, 2014', and a 'Resources' section. A prominent banner reads 'Thinking of Attending College? TA DECIDE is here to help.' Below this, there are three numbered steps: 1. VIEW Sample DoD MOU, 2. RETRIEVE Find DoD MOU, and 3. SUBMIT Verification Application.



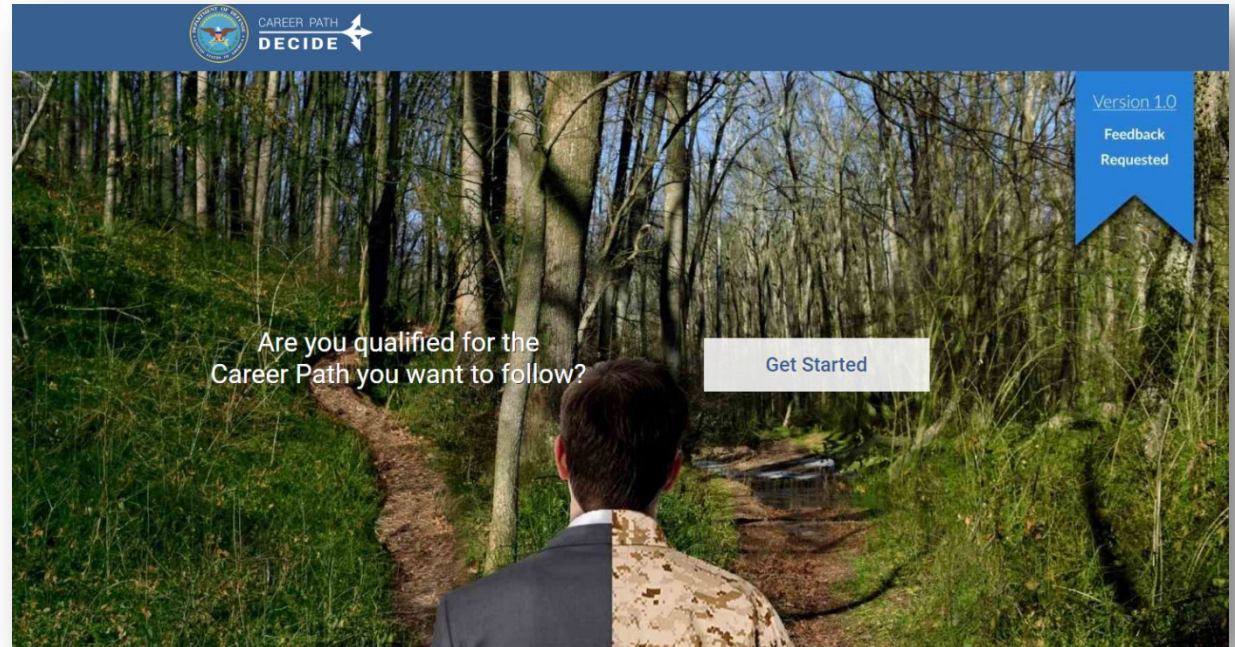
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Not Sure About Your Career Goal, Degree Plan, or School?

TRY CAREER PATH DECIDE:

- Explore your qualifications/interests & match to various career paths
- Explore related education programs, including tuition, fees, & overall cost
- Providers listed may or may not be TA approved



<https://careerpathdecide.org>



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Still Not Sure? Earn College Credit & Scholarships by Testing:

CLEP	DSST
College Level Exam Program	Dantes Subject Standardized Tests
ACT	SAT
Academic College Testing	Scholastic Aptitude Test

Get **college credit + save time and money** (scores matter—ensure your school accepts exam prior to testing)

College entrance exams: get into college + **be considered for scholarships** (scores matter)



Your school **may** also require you to take a placement exam before you start classes (ex: **COMPASS** or **Accuplacer**)



On-site testing is available for CLEP/DSST exams through PPCC. Schedule a test at the education center!



JST, Coursera, MOOC List, and Army E-Learning

Check with your school!



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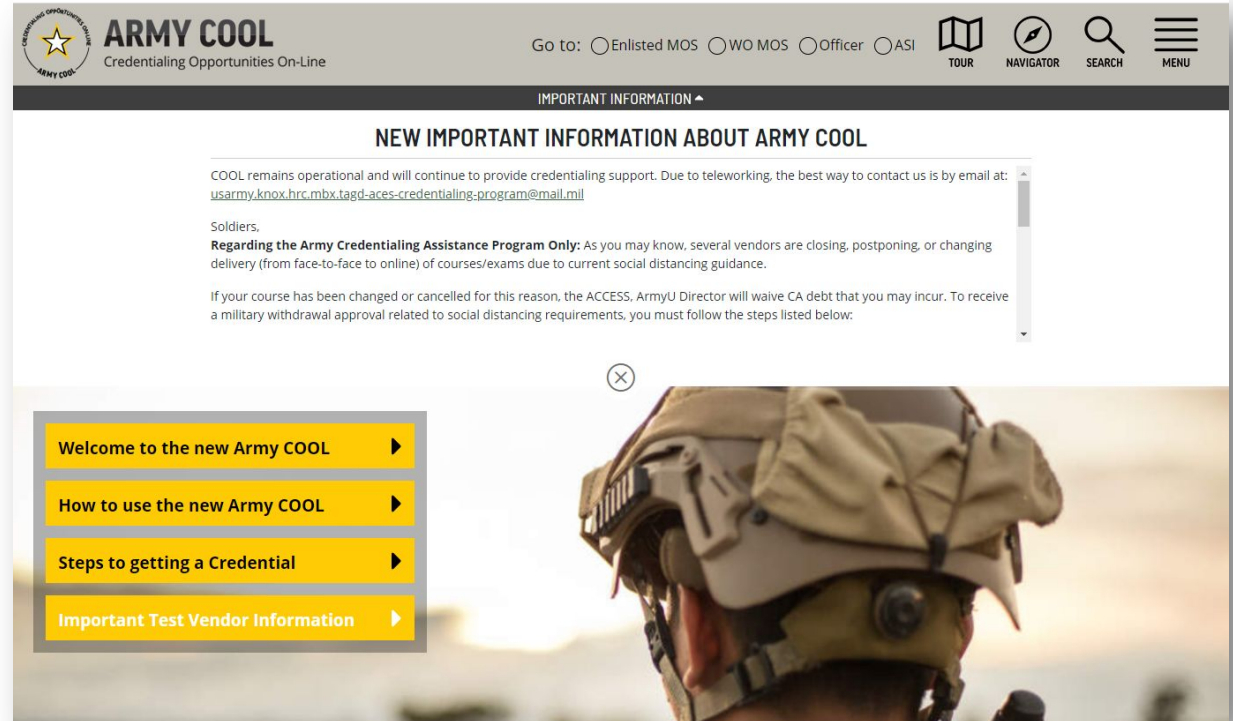
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Consider Credentialing Assistance, Too:

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- MOS-related civilian careers (Enlisted & Warrant)
- Search **1600+** National certifications & State licenses
- Cost & resource information
- Providers listed may or may not be CA eligible (**must be listed in ArmyIgnitED.com**)

<https://www.cool.army.mil/>



****ASK YOUR ED COUNSELOR ABOUT CREDENTIALING ASSISTANCE****



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CHECK WITH YOUR
SCHOOL FOR
APPLICATION &
ADMISSIONS
ASSISTANCE

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3. APPLY & get accepted at your school



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School Application Process

- Send school **all transcripts** so they can be evaluated for credit
- Some schools require **6SH** before they accept transfer credit
- **TIP:** find **MOS-related** degree programs to increase credits
- **TIP:** use **Military Crosswalk Search** to find MOS-related degree programs



The screenshot shows the O*NET OnLine website interface. At the top left is the O*NET logo, and to its right is the text "O*NET OnLine". Below this is a navigation bar with links for "Help", "Find Occupations", "Advanced Search", and "Crosswalks". The main heading is "Military Crosswalk Search". Below the heading is a search instruction: "Search codes or titles from the Military Occupational Classification (MOC)". There is a search form with a dropdown menu labeled "Select a branch:" and a "Go" button. Below the form, it says "Examples: 0963, radio chief".



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<https://www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC/>

EARN CLASS CREDIT: Send Your School Your Joint Services Transcript (JST)

JST
Joint Services Transcript

Quick Links ▾

JST

Who We Serve
Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy: Active Duty, Reserve and Veterans.

Register to Use this System
If you are prior Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Navy or do not have access to a Common Access Card (CAC) reader, then REGISTER for a JST account.

How to make updates or corrections to your JST transcript
How to request an official transcript
Frequently asked questions
Academic institutions

Contact Us <
For Army Access Issues <
USAFI/GED Transcripts <

Sign in to JST

Username _____
Password _____
Forgot Password

SIGN IN **CAC LOGIN**

Life is worth living!
Click here for your lifeline.
1-800-273-TALK (8255 Option 1)
Prevent Suicide

This is an official US Government web site | Freedom of Information Act | Accessibility/Section 508 | Privacy Notice | 1.0

<https://jst.doded.mil>



JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPT

****UNOFFICIAL****

Transcript Sent To: _____

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

Military Courses

Military Course ID	ACE Identifier Course Title Location-Description-Credit Areas	Dates Taken	ACE Credit Recommendation	Level
750-BT	AR-2201-0399 V02 Basic Combat Training: 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.	04-FEB-2005 to 08-APR-2005		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid • Marksmanship • Physical Conditioning 		1 SH 2 SH 2 SH	L L L
491-403 (21U10)	DD-1601-0036 V02 Geospatial Engineer: Defense Geospatial-Intelligence School 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, develop and interpret overlays, including transportation, surface damage, vegetation, surface geology and land joining, communication lines, and urban features, employing 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 geographic information systems.	13-APR-2005 to 31-AUG-2005		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map And Terrain Analysis • Geographic Information Systems 		3 SH 3 SH	L U

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4. CREATE YOUR EDUCATION PATH in ArmyIgnited



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School Application Process & Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Enroll with a school and choose a Degree Plan*. This is your **Education Path**

Step 2: Set up the **same** Education Path (Home School & Degree Plan) in **ArmyIgnitED**

Step 3: Request **Tuition Assistance** through ArmyIgnitED OR with school (Exception-to-Policy process may be required)

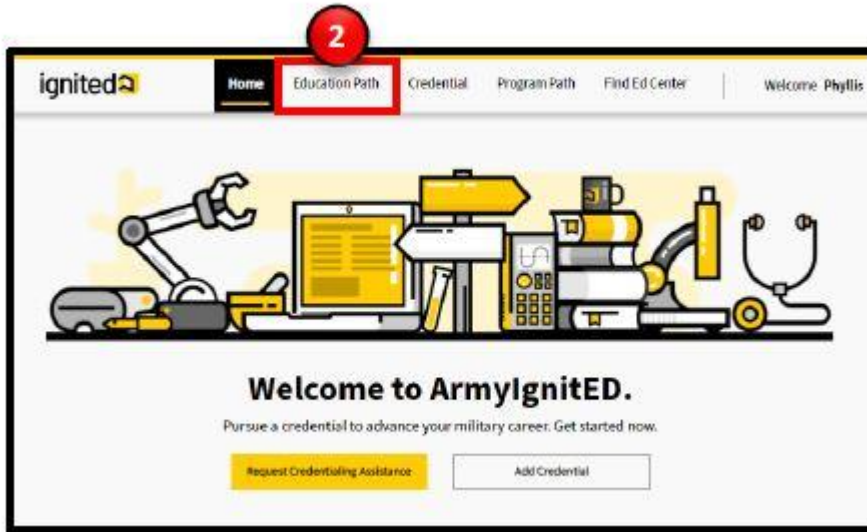
**CHECK WITH YOUR
SCHOOL TO ENSURE
HOW TO APPLY**



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CREATE YOUR EDUCATION PATH



- Click on “**Education Path**” in your toolbar



- If you are **changing** your education path, click on “**Edit my Education Path**”



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CREATE YOUR EDUCATION PATH

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Home **Education Path** Credential Program Path Find Ed Center Welcome Phyllis

My Education Path Request Tuition Assistance My Courses Student Degree Plan

Review Information 1 Choose level 2 Choose study 3 Choose institution 4

Let's get started. In the next four steps, you will create your desired Education Path application, which will be sent to an Education Institution or Vendor for acceptance. Please review your account information for accuracy before proceeding.

Personal Information	Contact Information Edit	Education Information
First Name: Phyllis	Preferred Methods of Contact	Graduation Date: 12/31/2015
Last Name: Wheatley	Military Email: phyllis@mail.mil	Previous Education Institution:
Middle Name:	Additional Methods of Contact	Previous Education level:
Date of Birth: 06/01/1991	Other Email: phylliswheatley@mail.mil	Additional Education Information:
Last 4 of SSN: XX-XX-0000	Home of Record Address: 7103 Madison Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32303	
Rank: PVT	Mailing Address: 7103 Madison Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32303	
MOS: 1E	Home Phone: (555) 867-5309	
	Duty Phone: (321) 555-9876	

Is incorrect information being displayed? 5

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- **Review/update** your information if needed
- If **incorrect** info is displayed, contact **S1/PAC (AD)**, Readiness NCO (NG), or Unit Administrator (UA) to change

For AD, contact your S1/PAC office
For ARNG, contact your Readiness NCO
For USAR, contact your Unit Administrator (UA)



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CREATE YOUR EDUCATION PATH

Review Information **Choose level** Choose study Choose institution

1 Reviewed 2 3 4

Which education level would you like to pursue?

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Academic Certificate

Associate's Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree

[Don't know which education level is right for you?](#)

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- **Select** the education level you are pursuing next
- **Reminder:** lateral/lower degrees from what you have are **not TA authorized**
- To pursue a lateral/lower degree, see GI Bill information



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CREATE YOUR EDUCATION PATH

Review Information Choose level Choose study Choose institution

Reviewed Bachelor's Degree 3 4

Which area of study are you interested in pursuing?

9 Computer Engineering, General. [Don't see your area of study?](#)

▼ PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS ⓘ

Learning Method:	Distance
Degree Level(s):	Certificate, Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's
Degree Level Source:	DoD MOU Application
Degree Level Source Updated:	1/1/2021

- + Certificate
- + Associate's Degrees
- + Bachelor's Degrees
- + Master's Degrees

- Find your area of study
- **TIP:** use **general** search terms
- Path selection impacts school search results in following step!
- **TIP:** TA Decide *may* help you find your area of study



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<http://www.dodmou.com/tadecide/>

CREATE YOUR EDUCATION PATH

Review Information Choose level Choose study Choose institution

Reviewed Bachelor's Degree Computer Science. 4

Which education institution would you like to attend?

Enter an Education Institution or State

11 Search: [Clear All](#)

Institution Type Public Private For-Profit

Florida State University × Florida ×

Showing 1 - 2 of 2 Results [Don't see your education institution?](#)

12 Florida State University Tallahassee, FL Remove -

Public <https://www.fsu.edu/>

University of Miami Miami, FL Select +

Private <https://www.miami.edu>

- Find your school
- **TIP:** if your **school** is NOT showing up, **go back a step** and select a **different** area of study. You may also try **contacting the school** or your education counselor for assistance



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<http://www.dodmou.com/tadecide/>





CREATE YOUR EDUCATION PATH

My Education Path Summary

Please review your Education Path summary below. Update any incorrect information before clicking submit.

Once you click submit, your Education Path will be sent to your Army Education Counselor for approval.


Click on a prior step to edit or review

Review Information	Choose level	Choose study	Choose institution
 Reviewed	 Bachelor's Degree	 Computer Science.	 Florida State University

Having trouble or just want to send a note to your Army Education Counselor? Click here

14 [Submit for Approval >](#)

[<](#)



Congratulations.

Your Education Path request was submitted to your Army Education Counselor for approval.

Here's what you can expect next:

1. If your Education Path request is approved, you will receive an email.
2. Upon approval, your Army Education Counselor will automatically send your Education Path to the indicated Education Institution.
3. After the Education Institution is notified of your Education Path request, they will send you an application to complete for their school.
4. Once the application has been completed and returned, the Education Institution will notify you of their admissions decision.

15 [View your Submission >](#)

- Review your selections and click **“Submit for Approval”**
- Your education path will be routed to your counselor first for approval
- **After counselor approval:** your education path will be routed to your school



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**PHASED
IMPLEMENTATION -
EXCEPTION-TO-POLICY
TA REQUEST MAY BE
REQUIRED**

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5. REQUEST TA in ArmyIgnited OR with School



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Submitting a TA Request: Reminder

Before submitting a TA request:

- Your TA Request in ArmyIgnitED must be approved **before** the class start date
- TA can **only** be used to pay for classes needed to complete your degree in **ArmyIgnitED**
- Your **Education Path Selection** MUST match with your class request (schools must match)



It's highly recommended to Request TA **at least 10 days prior** to the class start date



TWO OPTIONS TO REQUEST TA

My Education Path [Edit](#)

Approved
Request submitted 09/09/2020

Education Institution: Florida State University

Degree Level: Bachelor's Degree

Area of Study: Computer Science.

[View Courses](#)

[View SDP](#)

16 [Request Tuition Assistance](#)

Please select the courses, at the education institution where you are currently enrolled, that you want to request tuition assistance for:

0 items selected

Select	Course Ref Number	Subject	Catalog Number	Course Title	Start Date	End Date	Credits	Total Army Cost	Total EI Cost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BIO12345	Biology	BIO2345	Biology 1	01/26/21	07/31/21	3	\$300.00	\$300.00

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Education Institution	Degree Level	Tuition Type	Start Date	End Date
Florida State University	Bachelors	In State	01/26/21	07/31/21

[Don't see your course listed?](#)

OPTION 1: ARMY IGNITED

- Create an Education Path
- Education Center APPROVES
- School APPROVES
- **Find class & Submit TA request** through IgnitED

**** NIGHTLY REFRESH REQUIRED - TRY CHOOSING A DIFFERENT BROWSER IF CLASSES ARE GREY ****



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TWO OPTIONS

OPTION 2: ETP

- Create an Education Path
- Education Center APPROVES
- School APPROVES
- **Submit TA request through Exception-to-Policy process**
 - Contact school
 - Ensure school has all required information
 - School submits info to HQ

PLEASE DO NOT
CREATE A TA
REQUEST FOR
CLASSES AT YOUR
HOME SCHOOL!



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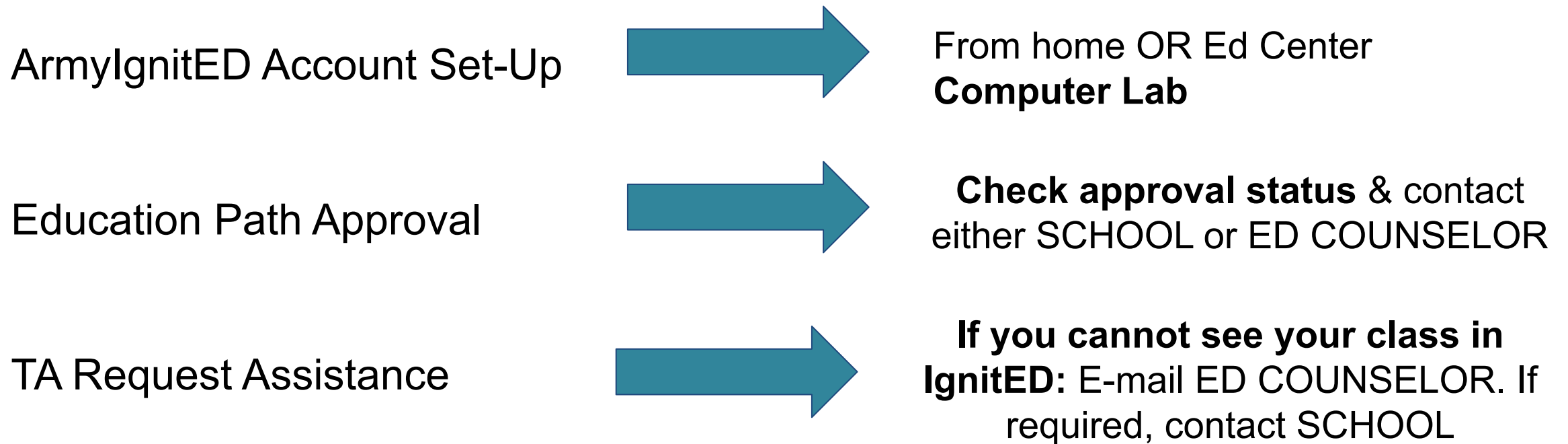


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“WHO DO I GO TO FOR...”

Note: You must complete each step. If you cannot request TA just yet in IgnitED, you **must** let your school know you plan to use TA so they can bill you properly.



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EDUCATION CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

COUNSELING SERVICES:

FRONT DESK: 719-526-2124 (TA, Credentialing, Clearing, Memos, Holds, General Guidance)

For Appointments: (M-F 0900-1500)

****Appointments are Limited****

e-mail your assigned counselor @MAIL.MIL:

Last Names A-E:

BILLIE.R.ELLIOTT.CTR

Last Names F-N:

KATHRYNE.M.JONES.CIV

Last Names O&P:

BONNIE.M.RIVERA.CIV

Last Names Q-S:

BILLIE.R.ELLIOTT.CTR

Last Names T-Z:

BONNIE.M.RIVERA.CIV



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