



TUITION ASSISTANCE, TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP, AND VA BENEFITS



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TUITION ASSISTANCE, TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP, AND HOW TUITION ASSISTANCE INTERACTS WITH VA BENEFITS.

Tuition Assistance benefits are a way for the military services to provide education benefits to Servicemembers on Active Duty. Tuition Assistance benefits are administered by each branch of service (each branch determines their own award amounts, eligibility, restrictions, and application process) and are typically earned based on service.

• Tuition Assistance TOP-UP was authorized by Public Law 106-398 and allowed VA Education benefits, to cover the out of pocket costs for courses partially paid by Tuition Assistance. Tuition Assistance TOP-UP can only be paid to claimants receiving the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB-AD / Chapter 30) benefit.

• Both Tuition Assistance and the Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) benefit can be utilized for applicable courses for approved programs of education. o This is not Tuition Assistance TOP-UP.

• Tuition Assistance cannot be utilized with any VA benefits other than the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty and the Post 9/11 GI Bill. Students will have to decide whether they want to utilize VA benefits or Tuition Assistance for those courses.

TUITION ASSISTANCE AND APPROVED PROGRAMS

The Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty and Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits can only be paid toward courses when both the school and program are approved for VA benefits. You can determine if a school and program are approved by:

- Visiting the GI Bill Comparison Tool at <https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>
- Visiting the Public Web Enabled Approval Management System at <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub>

• Contacting their school's School Certifying Official

HOW DOES DOD TUITION ASSISTANCE WORK WITH TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP?

When you use Tuition Assistance and Tuition Assistance TOP-UP to pay for courses, the VA can pay up to 100% of your out of pocket tuition and fees costs, up to the

Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty Veteran monthly rate at the applicable training time.

Entitlement charges for Tuition Assistance TOP-UP is prorated based on the cost of the course(s). Entitlement is charged based on the following formula:

• Amount of Tuition Assistance TOP-UP payment / the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty full-time Veteran monthly rate = Months of entitlement charged (with fractional months being converted to days).

NOTE: Students are limited to 36 months of Tuition Assistance TOP-UP

HOW DOES DOD TUITION ASSISTANCE WORK WITH POST 9/11 GI BILL BENEFIT?

If both the school and program are approved, you should contact the facility's School Certifying Official, notify them that you are receiving Tuition Assistance, and have them certify your enrollment. The School Certifying Official will reduce the tuition and fees they report to VA by the amount received from the military service Tuition Assistance. The VA will then issue any remaining tuition and fees and books stipend that you are due. These payments will follow normal Post 9/11 GI Bill rules and entitlement.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Tuition Assistance with VA Benefits!
- ◆ Military Spouse Career Advancement Account
- ◆ The New 3-Month Forecasted APT Testing Schedule (JAN-FEB-MAR 2020)



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Military Spouse Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Program

The Military Spouse Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship is a workforce development program that provides up to \$4,000 of tuition assistance to eligible military spouses.

The scholarship helps military spouses pursue licenses, certificates, certifications or associate degrees necessary to gain employment in high demand, high growth portable career fields and occupations. Spouses may use their MyCAA funds at any academic institution approved for participation in the MyCAA Scholarship.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades E-1 to E-5, W-1 to W-2 and O-1 to O-2

who can start and complete their coursework while their military sponsor is on Title 10 military orders, including spouses married to members of the National Guard and reserve component in these same pay grades.

The MyCAA Scholarship pays tuition costs for education and training courses and examinations leading to an associate degree (excluding associate degrees in General Studies, Liberal Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies that do not have a concentration). The scholarship also covers the costs for obtaining a license, certificate or certification at an accredited college, university or technical school in the United States or approved testing organization that expands employment or portable

career opportunities for military spouses.

HOW TO APPLY FOR MYCAA?

Eligible spouses can establish a MyCAA Account by visiting the MyCAA website ~ <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>. Once spouse Profile information is provided, MyCAA will verify spouse DEERS benefit eligibility. Eligible spouses will be allowed to create their Career and Training Plan and request FA when they are within 30 days of course start dates. Additionally, spouses are responsible for applying to their selected school or program and enrolling in each course included in their approved MyCAA Career and Training Plan.



University of Maryland Global Campus Asia - Face-to-Face Classes for Jan 2020—May 2020

The University of Maryland Global Campus Asia enrollment offices and classrooms are located inside both the Camp Carroll and Camp Henry Education Centers for on-site classes. In addition, courses not offered on-site can be accomplished through distance learning.

The Dec 2019-May 2020 University of Maryland Global Campus Asia schedule offered at the **Camp Carroll Education Center (Bldg. T-236)** for on-site courses includes the following classes this semester:

BMGT 380 (Business Law I) - Wednesdays—20 Jan 20 to 8 Mar 20—(1800-2130)

HIST 156 (History of the US to 1865) - Thursdays—20 Jan 20 to 8 Mar 20 (1800-2130)

BIOL 101 (Concepts of Biology) - Mondays—13 Jan 20 to 8 Mar 20 (1800-2130)

BIOL 102 (Laboratory in Biology) - Tuesdays—14 Jan 20 to 3 Mar 20 (1730-2130)

MATH 105 (Topics for Mathematical Literacy) - Wednesdays—20 Jan 20 to 8 Mar 20—(1800-2100)

Camp Henry Education Center (Bldg. 1840) for on-site courses includes the following classes this semester:

KORN 112 (Elementary Korean II) - Tuesdays/Thursdays—14 Jan 20 to 5 Mar 20 (1800-2100)

BIOL 160 (Human Biology) - Wednesdays—16 Mar 20 to 10 May 20 (1800-2100)

BIOL 161 (Laboratory in Human Biology) - Fridays—20 Mar 20 to 8 May 20 (1730-2130)

HIST 156 (History of the United States to 1865) - Tuesdays—16 Mar 20 to 10 May 20 (1800-2100)

MATH 103 (College Mathematics) - Wednesday/Thursdays—18 Mar 20 to 7 May 20 (1800-2100)

WRTG 112 (Academic Writing) - Mondays—16 Mar 20 to 10 May 20 (1800-2100)



Available Tests:

DLAB/DLPT/AFCT/
TABE/E-Exam/SIFT/
BMST/OPI/ALCPT

3-Month Forecasted Testing Schedule



AREA IV Testing Schedule

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1			1 DLAB/AFCT	2 TABE	3 DLPT/DLAB/AFCT	4
5	6 DLPT/DLAB	7 OPI	8 DLAB/AFCT	9 E-Exam	10 DLPT/DLAB/AFCT	11
12	13 DLPT/DLAB/AFCT	14 Camp Carroll 0930 ALCPT	15 DLAB/AFCT	16 TABE	17 TABE	18
19	20 DLPT/DLAB/E-Exam	21 DLPT/DLAB/SIFT	22 DLPT	23 TABE	24 0830 TABE	25
26	27 0830 TABE	28 0830 TABE	29 Camp Carroll 0930 TABE-BSEP	30 DLPT	31 Camp Carroll 0930 AFCT-BSEP	

NOTES

Testing

All tests start at 0830. **Thursdays testing starts at 1300.** Make sure to arrive 15 minutes early. Bring your CAC card and be in uniform. You will not be allowed to test if you are late. Unless noted Camp Carroll on the calendar, **all testing will be conducted at Camp Henry until further notice.** This schedule is subject to change.

Other

SIFT, BMST, E-EXAM can be scheduled upon request. All tests are administered by appointment only.

Scheduling

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Camp Henry: 763-4923

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Camp Carroll : 763-5406

For OPIs please call or email

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Camp Henry 768-7407

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3-Month Forecasted Testing Schedule Continued ...

February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
Camp Carroll 3 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 4 TABE/ALCPT	Camp Henry 5 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 6 TABE	Camp Henry 7 ALCPT	8	9
Camp Carroll 10 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 11 TABE	Camp Henry 12 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 13 TABE	Camp Henry 14 ALCPT	15	16
Camp Carroll 17 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 18 TABE	Camp Henry 19 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 20 TABE	Camp Henry 21 ALCPT	22	23
Camp Carroll 24 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 25 AFCT 0830-1200 ALCPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 26 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 27 TABE	Camp Henry 28 AFCT 0830-1200	29	

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3-Month Forecasted Testing Schedule Continued ...

March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Camp Carroll 2 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 3 TABE/ALCPT	Camp Henry 4 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 5 TABE	Camp Henry 6 ALCPT	7	8
Camp Carroll 9 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 10 TABE	Camp Henry 11 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 12 TABE	Camp Henry 13 ALCPT	14	15
Camp Carroll 16 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 17 TABE	Camp Henry 18 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 19 TABE	Camp Henry 20 TABE	21	22
Camp Carroll 23 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 24 TABE	Camp Henry 25 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Henry 26 TABE	Camp Henry 27 AFCT 0830-1200	28	29
Camp Carroll 30 DLPT/DLAB	Camp Carroll 31 AFCT 0830-1200 ALCPT/DLAB					

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