

What are my options to raise my GT score or improve my English and Math skills?

- Soldiers have two options: they may attend the Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) offered at the Education Center or use the self-study online program. The BSEP class is four weeks and runs 0900-1200 or 1300-1600. Soldiers must have completed the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) within the last year, turn in a memorandum and 4187 signed by their commander, and a copy of their ERB to Room 142 in the Education Center. The Self-study program, Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) which is the primary curriculum used for BSEP classes, is listed at www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantes.
- Soldiers with a current GT score of 102 or higher or current TABE scores of 11.0 or higher in Reading, Vocabulary, and Total Math may attend the GT Improvement class. This is an *accelerated* version of BSEP designed as a test prep for the GT sections of the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT).

How long does it take for tuition assistance to be approved?

- After the Soldier submits their GoArmyEd account for activation, it usually takes up to 3 business days to receive the reply. After that, the Soldier should contact the College as they may require additional information from the Soldier before acceptance to the college.

How to enroll in class?

- Once your GoArmyEd account is activated in the portal, you have completed and submitted your common application, and you have contacted your college (or they contacted you), log into your GoArmyEd account and select "Request TA" link found on the top left side of your account page. Follow the prompts to enroll. All Soldiers **MUST** enroll and have tuition assistance approved for ALL classes through the portal before the start date of the class.

What schools offer in-seat classes on base?

- At Fort Drum, Jefferson Community College offers in-seat instruction; Columbia College of Missouri offers in-seat instruction for some of their 300/400 level courses at the bachelor's degree level; University of Maryland University College offers hybrid (online and in-seat), and State University of New York (SUNY) Empire State College offers

independent study (one-on-one) instruction at the Education Center and in-seat classes at SFAC Building.

How to change home school/degree plan?

- Log into GoArmyEd and select school/degree plan change. VIA section appears. You will select degree plan first to change and then the School section to change and submit. Your request becomes a helpdesk case which will be answered in one business day.

Course Planner- how does it work?

- OVERVIEW: Your student Agreement/Degree Plan must be uploaded by your college to your efile. You add the remaining courses needed to graduate to your course planner. Your college will then review and verify these courses in the course planner. You will then be able to enroll in remaining courses without additional intervention.

Course Planner- how long does it take to get approved?

- It will generally be processed in one-to two weeks and you will receive confirmation on the decision.

Can my spouse receive money for college?

- Depending on the rank of the Soldier, spouses may qualify for MyCAA program. This Department of Defense-sponsored program provides up to \$4000 for spouses to earn a career-oriented associate degree, certificate, certification or license at an accredited college, university, or technical school in the U.S. or approved testing organization...For more information, please log onto the <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa> website.

Does Fort Drum offer GED classes or English as Second Language classes?

- The Jefferson-Lewis Vocational Technical Center (BOCES) offers both the GED and English as Second Language classes on Drum. Both classes are free. Soldiers, Spouses, and Family Members are to contact the local phone number at 315-779-7220 for more information and registration. They can also view the website at www.boces.com

How do I clear for a chapter or retirement or regular discharge?

- Soldiers bring a copy of the DD214 worksheet to the Education Center for out-processing.

How to change from MGIB to Post 911?

- When you are ready to start using your Veteran's benefits, you will need to log into the www.vets.gov website to register. Reminder: once you select POST 911 you cannot return to MGIB so be sure to research the benefits of both programs before selection.

How do I transfer my Post 911 to my spouse or dependents?

- Using your CAC card, you will need to log into <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect> . Select Transfer Education benefits tab. You must have at least 6 years of military service, and effective 12 July 2019, not more than 16 years of total creditable service, to transfer to your dependents. (Spouses may use the program after you complete six years. Children may use the program after you complete 10 years of service). NOTE: You will have to agree to serve an additional four years starting with the date of approval. Be sure to get all the facts before proceeding.