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Fort Drum Education Center news and updates

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Become a Nurse with JCC

Jefferson's Nursing Program provides students with a flexible, career-focused route to professional nursing practice through a two year, 4 semester, stackable credential model. Designed to meet the growing demand for skilled nurses, the program enables students to enter the healthcare workforce quickly while creating a seamless pathway to continued nursing credentials.

Start your nursing career in just one year. Jefferson's Practical Nursing Certificate combines classroom learning with hands-on laboratory practice, simulation and clinical experiences in a variety of healthcare settings. Complete the program and you'll earn a Practical Nursing Certificate and be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Once licensed, you can enter the workforce as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or keep moving forward with your nursing education.

In your second year of study, you will expand your knowledge in nursing assessment, clinical decision-making, patient-centered care, leadership and evidence-based practice. Upon successful completion of Jefferson's Nursing AAS degree, you will be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN. With RN licensure, you'll be prepared for entry-level professional nursing practice across a variety of healthcare settings.

JCC's nursing program is ranked #2 in New York State by Nursing Schools Almanac.



Free Mechatronics Training

Jefferson Community College will launch a free semiconductor bootcamp this fall, providing individuals with an opportunity to develop foundational skills for careers in the growing semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries. The bootcamp begins Tuesday, October 20, 2026, and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Jefferson's newly renovated Dulles Building. Bootcamp is open to anyone interested in developing technical skills for today's workforce.

Participants will gain hands-on experience and earn two nationally recognized Snap-on® industry certifications, along with three transferable college credits. The training is designed to introduce participants to technical skills used in advanced manufacturing and semiconductor-related careers.

"Jefferson is preparing for the future of our region by creating accessible opportunities for individuals to gain the skills needed in emerging industries," said Dr. Daniel J. Dupee, II, President. "The semiconductor industry is bringing new opportunities to New York, and this bootcamp gives members of our community a chance to begin building the technical skills and credentials that can lead to rewarding careers."

The bootcamp is part of Jefferson's expanding workforce-development efforts in response to the growth of the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries in New York State. In April, Jefferson was awarded $750,000 from Micron Technology to support the development of academic programming and workforce training opportunities in the semiconductor industry. Jefferson is also developing new mechatronics academic programming, with newly renovated laboratories in the Dulles Building featuring equipment and learning environments focused on automation, electronics, hydraulic and mechanical systems.

For more information, call (315) 786-2297.

BSEP Classes

Upcoming

Fiscal Year 2027

FY27 3/4 3 November - 8 December

Classes run Monday through Friday from 0900 until 1600 each day. All documents can be downloaded at https://sites.google.com/view/bsep/home

Virtual Counseling

No Need to Travel

Mon-Fri Business Hours

Don't have time to stop in at the Education Center. We are here for you! You can now meet with an Education Counselor virtually.

Scan QR Code to book appointment

ArmyIgnitED 101

TA Training

MLF 0900-1600 M-F

Fort Drum's Multi Learning Facility has on demand ArmyIgnitED 101 training available, no appointment needed. ArmyIgnitED 101 is a mandatory training that is required before Soldiers can use their TA benefits. Training can also be completed at: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/1017837/armyignited-101-briefing

SpouseWorks Scholarship

Funding for education and credentials to help you achieve your career goals.

Military spouses face unique career challenges throughout their military journey. The SpouseWorks Scholarship (formerly MyCAA) helps make professional growth more accessible by providing funding for education, training and credentials that support meaningful employment and career advancement. The scholarship is now available to eligible military spouses regardless of their service member's rank or pay grade. Spouses of active-duty, National Guard and reserve component service members in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Space Force may qualify for up to $4,000 in financial assistance.

This expansion reflects the War Department's commitment to supporting military spouse careers no matter where they are in their military life or professional journey. Whether you're starting a new career, building new skills or maintaining professional credentials, the SpouseWorks Scholarship can help you take the next step.

Eligible spouses may receive up to $4,000 in financial assistance to pursue licenses, certifications, associate degrees or continuing education courses required to maintain a professional license or certification.

To learn more about eligibility requirements and application instructions, view the SpouseWorks Scholarship fact sheet or SpouseWorks Scholarship flowchart. A SpouseWorks (formerly SECO) career coach can also provide additional guidance. Contact Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 or use the live chat feature at the top of any page to schedule time with a career coach.

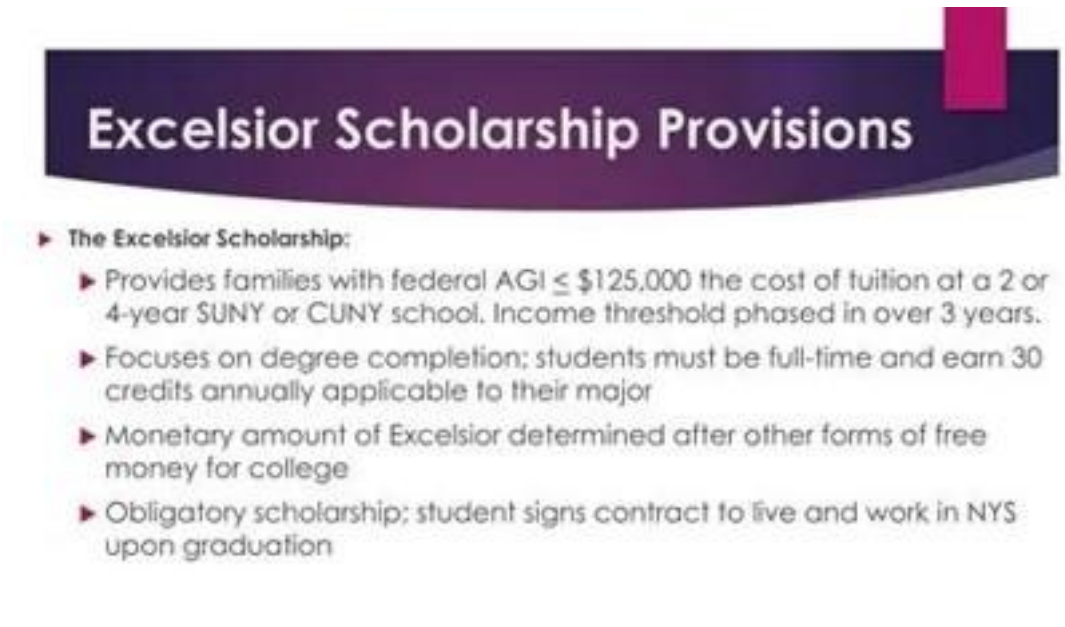
Information taken directly from https://spouseworks.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/spouseworks-scholarship

SpouseWorks

SpouseWorks Scholarship:
Helping Spouses Reach Career Goals

Scan QR code to learn more

SpouseWorks.mil



Registration Dates

EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall and Spring Term Dates

If you're looking for online courses that provide you with flexibility as well as personalized support, then check out Empire State University.

We're happy to meet with you in person, by phone, through email, or via a video chat on Microsoft Teams to learn about your goals, answer academic or funding questions you have, and guide you in next steps.



Term Name	Course Dates	Application Deadline (if you are new to Empire State University)
Fall Express Term 2	26 Oct. – 18 Dec. (8 weeks)	2 October
Spring – 15 weeks	11 Jan. – 23 April (15 weeks)	4 December
Spring Express Term 1	11 Jan. – 5 March (8 weeks)	4 December
Spring Express Term 2	1 March – 23 April (8 weeks)	29 January

ESU EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY

Don't start over - start ahead

Empire State University allows you to maximize your transfer credit so you can finish your degree quickly. We can accept up to 52 credits for our A.S. in General Studies, up to 93 credits for our bachelor's degrees, and up to 9 credits for our master's degree. Those prior credits can come from your military transcript, prior colleges, testing (such as CLEP), and Credit for Prior Learning outside of college.

Lowering your costs

There are multiple ways that Empire State University keeps your costs low. Our automatic military grant reduces the tuition costs for service members and veterans to $250/credit, and waives application and registration fees for those students plus their spouses. Let us help you brainstorm funding options from a variety of federal and NYS programs.

Free evaluation of transfer credit

As you evaluate which college option is best for you, Empire State University can provide a free evaluation of how many of your transfer credits (including military credits) would work toward one of our degrees. You can request that evaluation through this QR code:

Green to Gold

Active duty and hip pocket scholarship options



Picture from https://armyrotc.rutgers.edu/benefits/rotc-scholarships/active-duty

The Army Green to Gold (G2G) Program is designed to offer Active Army Enlisted Soldiers the opportunity to earn a commission as Army Officers.

The Green to Gold Active-Duty Option is a two-year program that provides eligible, Active Army enlisted Soldiers an opportunity to complete their first baccalaureate degree or first graduate degree and earn a commission as an Army Officer.

Soldiers selected to participate in active duty option will continue to receive their current pay and allowances while in the program (up to a maximum of 21 consecutive months), Montgomery G.I. Bill / Army College Fund benefits (if qualified), Post 9/11 GI Bill, and normal PCS entitlements.

The Army ROTC Green to Gold Division Commander's Hip Pocket Scholarship Program provides selected Soldiers the opportunity to complete their baccalaureate degree requirements and obtain a commission through participation in the ROTC Scholarship program. Each year, division commanders may nominate deserving Soldiers for two, three, and four-year Green to Gold scholarships. Units are encouraged to nominate Soldiers that have exhibited the potential for further outstanding service to the United States and the Army as Commissioned Officers. Interested Soldiers are encouraged to follow-up with their chain of command.

Soldiers selected to participate in the Hip Pocket Scholarships will receive tuition or room and board support, additional money for textbooks, supplies, and equipment, a monthly stipend of $420 for up to 10 months each school year, pay for attending the Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) (formally Leader Development & Assessment Course LDAC) between the junior and senior years of college, additionally, many colleges and universities offer incentives to scholarship winners.

Information taken from https://armyrotc.army.mil/green-to-gold/

Jefferson COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ready to Get Started

Register today

Late Fall Session: earn college credit in 3 to 8 weeks; start dates vary (beginning October 19)

Winter Interim Session: classes run from December 14 2026 - January 15, 2027

Soldiers must register through the Jefferson Community College office on Fort Drum.
To inquire call (315) 786-6566.

Military family members should contact Enrollment Services on campus to start the admissions process.
Call (315) 786-2437 or walk in, Jules Center, Suite 6-010.

SUNY The State University of New York

Army Personnel Testing

October 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28	29	30	1 ADMIN	2 0830 DLAB/SIFT
5 0830 AFCT	6 0830 DLPT	7 0830 DES 1000 DLAB/SIFT	8 0830 DLPT	9 0830 DES 1000 ECL/TABE/BMST
12 HOLIDAY	13 0830 AFCT	14 0830 DLPT	15 ED FAIR @ PX	16 0830 DLPT
19 0830 DLPT	20 0830 DES 1000 DLAB/SIFT	21 0830 AFCT	22 0830 DLPT	23 0830 ECL/TABE/BMST
26 0830 DLAB/SIFT	27 0830 DLPT	28 ADMIN	29 0900 OR 1230 AFCT/BSEP	30 0900 OR 1230 AFCT/BSEP
2	3	ALL TESTING IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! PLEASE PROVIDE A **DIGATLLY** SIGNED 4187 AT LEAST 24HRS IN ADVANCE TO SCHEDULE.		

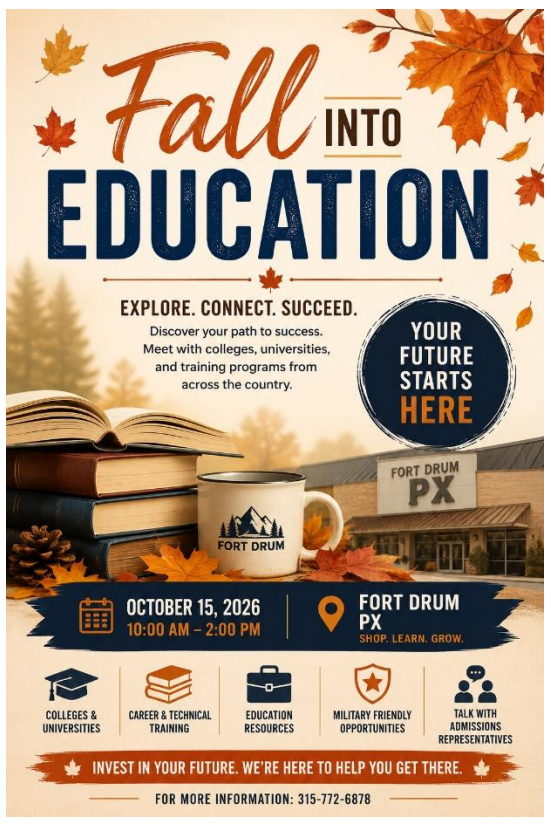
Fort Drum Testing Center offers the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT), Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT), Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB), and Selection Instrument for Flight Training (SIFT) weekly. Do you need a different test? Let us know and we can arrange it for you.

Ready to schedule your exam? Contact Test Examiner:
Amber Lewis at 315-772-1251 or at amber.d.lewis18.ctr@army.mil

Education Fair

Come see us at the PX

Meet with various colleges and universities from around the country at the Fort Drum PX on October 15th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. College representatives will be available to answer questions and help you start your educational journey.



Free Tuition for Associate Degree at NYU

Thinking about a community college associate degree? Start at New York University (NYU) School of Professional Studies Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (DAUS) this spring with one of their comparably priced associate degrees. In two years, earn an NYU credential that boosts your career momentum—then seamlessly continue to a DAUS bachelor's degree without reapplying. It's the most affordable path to an NYU bachelor's and a fast track to advancing in your chosen field.

If you are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant or New York State TAP and apply before space fills, NYU's School of Professional Studies guarantees no out-of-pocket tuition costs.

An associate degree from NYU School of Professional Studies gives you an affordable way to earn your first college credential in one of several broad fields. Learn from expert faculty in the foundational courses you will need for your career while completing real-world projects, analyzing case studies, and building your professional network. You'll have your own professional adviser and a range of other support services to keep you on track to graduate.

When you graduate, you will be halfway to completing an NYU School of Professional Studies Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies bachelor's degree and will have a credential you can put to work right away in the labor market. You can continue automatically with no reapplication into your choice of NYU Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies bachelor's degrees.

Eligibility Rules Apply. You must start in the spring term (January) of an academic year and be eligible for the Federal Pell grant or New York State TAP. NYU School of Professional Studies will make up the difference between tuition and your federal and state aid so you have no out-of-pocket tuition cost.

Earn an associate degree online or in-person in: Business, Information Systems and Technology, Hospitality Management, Liberal Arts and move seamlessly without reapplying or losing credits earned to a bachelor's in: Leadership and Management, Information Systems and Technology, and Social Sciences. If applying to Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism Management reapplication required.

Information taken from https://www.sps.nyu.edu/about/academic-divisions-and-departments/division-of-applied-undergraduate-studies/spring-start-associate-degree-pathway.html

NYU | SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



Scholarship for Zombie Fans

Imagine that your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies, and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you'd hide and the top-five things you'd bring to stay alive." (250 words or less written response)

The Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship winner will be notified by email or phone on or around Jan 31st.



https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship

Must be 14 years of age or older at time of application.| Must be a legal U.S. resident.| Must be a resident of one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia.| This award is for U.S. students.

Registration Dates

UMGC's Spring registration and hybrid schedule

With over 130 locations worldwide, University of Maryland Global Campus is the largest online public university in the United States. UMGC offers both 100% online classes with options for hybrid classes.

The Spring Online and Hybrid Session 1 starts on 1/6/2027.

Book Your Appointment Today!

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS

Spring 2027
Spring Online/Hybrid Session 1 1/6/2027
Spring Online Session 2 2/10/2027 – 4/6/2027
Spring Online/Hybrid Session 3 3/10/2027

Spring Hybrids

Session 1	Session 3
ECON 203 Principles of Microeconomics	BMGT 110 Intro to Business & Mgmt



Basic Skills Education Program High Achievers

Fiscal year 2026 3rd and 4th quarters

Hard work pays off. This timeless truth shines brightly as we celebrate the exceptional performance of our BSEP students on their recent achievement when taking the Armed Forces Classification Test. Each of these Soldiers improved their GT score by an incredible thirty points or higher. These results reflect a level of dedication, resilience, and intellectual curiosity that deserves our highest praise.

These high scores and increases in their GT scores are not a matter of luck. They represent weeks of disciplined study, late nights, and a steadfast commitment to academic excellence. Every Soldier who pushed through difficult concepts, sought extra help, and refused to give up has earned this moment of triumph.

Success can look different for everyone, but the common denominator is the effort each one of them put in to bettering themselves. To make such tremendous improvement requires a willingness to engage deeply with challenging material. It demands critical thinking, time management, and the ability to perform under pressure. Our students have proven they possess these vital traits in abundance.

We hope our Soldiers take a moment to savor this accomplishment and be proud of the dedication they displayed. These individuals have taken an important step in bettering themselves and their Army Careers. We are incredibly proud of your success and know that they will succeed in future endeavors.

Help Us Improve

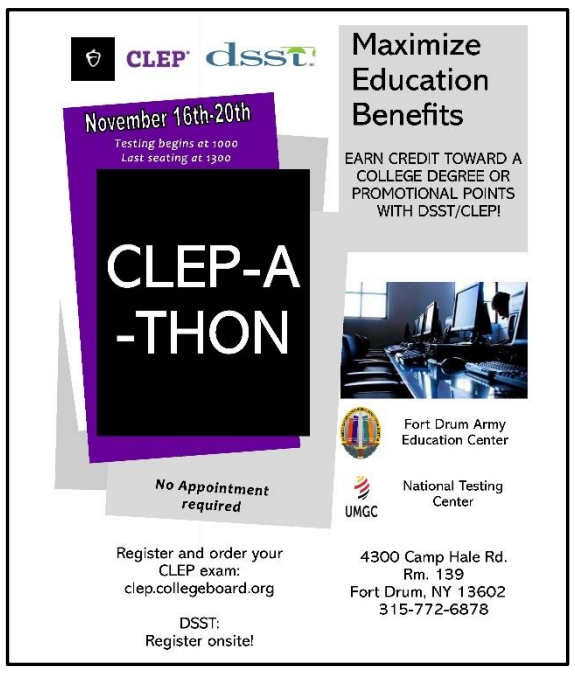
Needs Survey

Please take our quick eight questions survey to let us know how we are doing and if we are meeting your needs.

https://forms.osi.apps.mil/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=D9fm-kuVEUiStgUw1vhMQxEdRPHHPQhDuTsxaY159SJUNTY1OVlQNEhOTTJZWDFVSFNIRDlXTUI5MC4u







THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) Degree Bridge Partnership

Military and Veteran Graduates of METC

Advancing Excellence in Healthcare Education and Medical Training

A dynamic partnership between the State University of New York (SUNY) and the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) provides direct pathways to degree completion related to military healthcare career fields building on credit for METC courses. SUNY moves you closer to degree completion recognizing METC courses for college credit toward your major.



American Education Week

The Army recognizes American Education Week, an event that originated in 1921 and is sponsored by organizations like the National Education Association.

American Education Week is a time to raise awareness about the educational resources available to service members and their families, both during and after their military service.

The Fort Drum Education Center staff will be hosting various events available to military spouses, recognition events, and more. This year American Education Week starts on November 17th and runs through November 21st. Come celebrate with us.

BSEP Class Available

Basic Skills Education Program

Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) is a program designed as a refresher course in Math, Reading and Vocabulary. BSEP is a tool that Soldiers can use when wanting to raise their GT Score by retesting on the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT).

BSEP is a four-week class that runs Monday-Friday from 0900-1600 each day.

Enrollment packets will be accepted on the first day that the registration window opens for that class, until the course is full or the start of the class, whichever comes first. Enrollment is first come, first served. Download enrollment documents at https://sites.google.com/view/bsep/home. Completed packets can be emailed to holli.h.hanks.civ@army.mil

