



# Basic Skills Education Program Briefing

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Fort Hood Education Services Division  
U.S. Army Installation Management Command

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## WHAT IS BSEP?

- The **Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP)** is a standardized curriculum designed to develop educational competencies required for Soldiers' job performance, skill qualification, and career growth.
- BSEP provides basic test taking and skills instruction for Soldiers who require assistance in raising their GT score.
- BSEP provides lessons addressing three specific **Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)** subtests that comprise the GT score: **word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, and arithmetic reasoning.**
- BSEP offers on-duty instruction in a traditional classroom setting along with approved computer-based software.



## WHAT DOES A BSEP CLASS LOOK LIKE?

- Classes are held Monday-Friday.
- Classes are cancelled on federal holidays.
  - Instructors hold optional study halls on training holidays
- Instructors teach word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, and arithmetic reasoning.
- You are **NOT** required to take the AFCT on your pre-scheduled AFCT date.
  - If you do not take the AFCT on your pre-scheduled date, we will keep your DA 4187 for six months, and you must email the Testing Office to schedule the AFCT.
- Every Soldier who completes BSEP receives a certificate. The Soldiers in each class who earn the highest GT score and the biggest improvement to their GT score receive special recognition and an opportunity for promotion points!



## Ms. Johnson's Class

- Recommended for Soldiers who may be able to attend five-and-a-half weeks of instruction (half day).
- The AFCT is taken on Wednesday, the sixth week of the course.
- 0900-1200



## Ms. Jett & Mr. McNutt's Classes

- Recommended for Soldiers who may also be able to attend a three-and-a-half weeks of instruction (full-day).
- Hours are from 0900-1600.
- Soldiers who are ready can take the AFCT on Wednesday in the third week of the course.



## BSEP CLASS RULES

- OCP duty uniform must be worn (even if attending class while on leave).
  - **Clear your schedule.** If you cannot attend classes, you may need to wait to attend a class when you can attend full time. **BSEP is your place of duty.**
  - You are expected to be an active participant during your BSEP instruction.
  - Attendance and homework are **MANDATORY** unless an **UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCE** arises.
  - Cellphone use while is not permitted unless your instructor approves.
  - Foul language will not be tolerated.
  - Sexual harassment will not be tolerated.
  - Be respectful of your instructor and other students in your class.
- \*IF ANY RULES ARE BROKEN, YOUR INSTRUCTOR HAS THE RIGHT TO CONTACT YOUR COMMANDER AND/OR DROP YOU FROM CLASS.**

*In our classroom...*  
*We are kind.*  
**WE ARE HONEST.**  
*We give compliments.*  
*We laugh a lot.*  
*we make mistakes.*  
**we have big dreams.**  
*We are peaceful.*  
**We work hard.**  
*We are family.*



## WHAT IF I CAN'T ATTEND BSEP?

- You can attend Study Halls offered by BSEP instructors.
- There are many resources available. Please refer to the flyers!

**ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION WITH OASC**

Build your academic skills with the **Online Academic Skills Course**. Whether you're looking to **increase your AFCT scores** for reclassification or **preparing for college**, OASC provides customized, online learning that's ready whenever and wherever you are.

**Personalized Study**  
Adaptive technology allows you to focus your studies in the greatest areas of need.

**Live Tutoring**  
Connect with a personal tutor in less than 3 min.

**Save Money**  
Did we mention that **OASC is free** for all active Service members?

**Learn your way**  
Study the way you learn best with videos, flashcards, and more!

**App**  
No Wi-Fi? No problem. Our App comes complete with an offline study pack.

**My Academic Predictor**  
Your diagnostic exam scores are used to predict your AFCT performance.

**No nonsense and no excuses. OASC is designed to give you all the learning tools you need.**

Service members report using OASC to:

- Increase GT scores
- Study for CLEP or DSST exams
- Become eligible for commissioning programs
- Supplement in-person learning (BSEP)

Plus, it couldn't be easier. Visit [dantes.petersons.com](http://dantes.petersons.com) or download the app (search for OASC) to register for your account.

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### BSEP & SELF-STUDY TRAINING RESOURCES

Looking to boost your GT score? Prepare for college entrance exams? Take your study sessions to the next level with these **FREE** online resources.

**MULTIPLE SUBJECTS**

- **EBSCO Learning Express** ([elibrary.com](http://elibrary.com))—Online text prep resource library with practice tests, tutorials, microlessons, eBooks, & articles
- **March Success** ([march2success.com](http://march2success.com))—Wide array of self-paced study programs
- **ASVAB Test Bank** ([asvabtestbank.com](http://asvabtestbank.com))—Study guides & practice tests for ASVAB, MOS, & line scores
- **ASVAB Practice Tests** ([asvabpracticetests.com](http://asvabpracticetests.com))—Wide variety of ASVAB practice tests
- **ASVAB Tutor** ([asvabtutor.com](http://asvabtutor.com))—AFCT comprehensive study guides & practice tests
- **Ted Prep Review** ([tedprep.com](http://tedprep.com))—Comprehensive test preparation covering various subjects including GED, NCLEX, ACT, GRE, SAT, MCAT, & SAT
- **Union Test Prep** ([uniontestprep.com](http://uniontestprep.com))—Online preparation for exams in education, healthcare, & military technology
- **4Tests** ([4tests.com](http://4tests.com))—Online practice exams for various subjects
- **24/7 Online Tutoring** ([tutor.com/military](http://tutor.com/military))—Personalized tutoring from experts in over 250 subjects
- **Quizlet** ([quizlet.com](http://quizlet.com))—Platform with over 300 million study sets including interactive tools, games, & flashcards

**MATH**

- **Brain Genie** ([braingenie.c32.org](http://braingenie.c32.org))—Interactive math problems
- **Grammar Hero** ([youtube.com](http://youtube.com))—Math videos covering ASVAB & PICAT
- **Khan Academy** ([khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org))—Over 3,000 videos on everything from arithmetic to physics
- **Math Antics** ([mathantics.com](http://mathantics.com))—Basic math videos & worksheets
- **Math with Mr. Ray** ([youtube.com](http://youtube.com))—Instructional math videos
- **The Math Page** ([themathepage.com](http://themathepage.com))—Lessons in arithmetic, geometry, & algebra
- **Times Tables** ([timestables.com](http://timestables.com))—Multiplication memorization
- **Xtramath** ([xtramath.org](http://xtramath.org))—Individualized math lessons based on progress assessment

**READING**

- **Read Theory** ([readtheory.org](http://readtheory.org))—Personalized reading comprehension exercises

Disclaimer: This resource list is not inclusive of all available training materials and should not be interpreted as a government endorsement. Last Updated: 04/09/2025

**VOCABULARY**

- **Magoosh** ([magoosh.com](http://magoosh.com))—Vocabulary expansion
- **Vocab Test** ([vocabtest.com](http://vocabtest.com))—Vocabulary practice tests & games

**COLLEGE PREP**

- **DSST Exams** ([getcollegecredit.com](http://getcollegecredit.com))—Upper and lower level college credit exams across subjects
- **Free CLEP Prep** ([freeclepprep.com](http://freeclepprep.com))—Online resources & practice exercises for CLEP, DANTEs, & Excelsior examinations
- **Modern States** ([modernstates.org](http://modernstates.org))—Online courses taught by college professors to prepare learners for CLEP exams

**ABOUT BSEP**

The Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) is a comprehensive on-duty education program designed to support Soldiers' job-related instruction, military duty performance, career progression, and lifelong learning. The class is designed to provide you with the academic skills necessary to raise your GT score and focuses on three key areas: math, reading, and vocabulary.

Raising your GT score can accelerate career progression, provide opportunities for promotion, and open doors for reclassification.

Ready to take the next step in your military career? Contact your Education Center today to find out if they offer an in-person BSEP opportunity and how the class can help you achieve your goals.

- You may also email the BSEP team for an AFCT Study guide.

## STUDY HALL

- If you can't attend BSEP or just need to brush up on a few targeted areas before taking the AFCT you may attend a study hall for tutoring!
- Study halls are available to any Soldier who wants additional assistance from a BSEP Instructor on specific content areas on a walk-in basis.
- You are expected to come to study hall with questions to take advantage of GT improvement skills resources to prepare before attending study hall.
- Study halls are **NOT** BSEP classes. If you do not come to study hall prepared, you may be asked to leave.
- See the BSEP Study Hall Schedule for upcoming dates.

You can find the study hall schedule on the ESD website



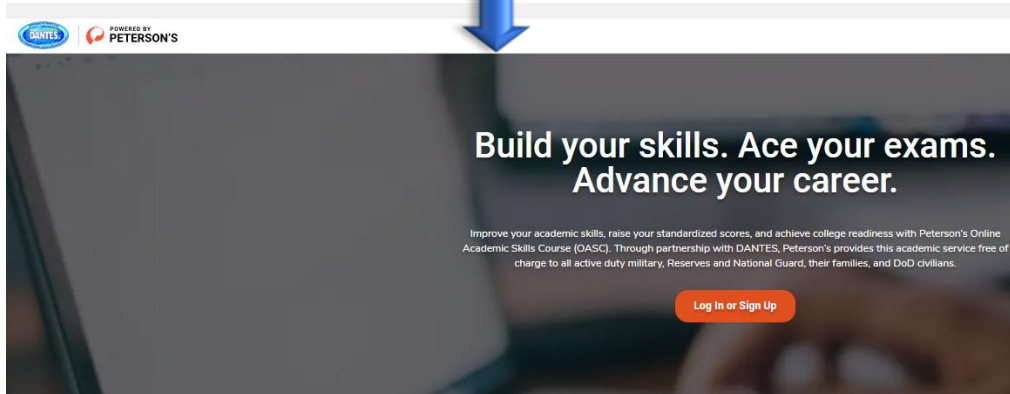
## HOW DO I ENROLL IN BSEP?

1. Create an account with the Online Academic Skills Course and complete the required pre-assessment (**Arithmetic Reasoning, Mathematics Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension & Word Knowledge**) - <https://dantes.petersons.com/>
  2. Upon completion of the OASC Pre-Assessment, save it as a pdf and email to the BSEP organization box. Be sure your name and DODID# are on the pre-assessment or email.
  3. You will receive the registration form and schedule. Please fill out the registration form and select a desired class date and a second class (alternate) date.
  4. Email the registration form to the BSEP org box.
  5. You will receive the BSEP Enrollment Form for the class you selected and are eligible for, a sample DA 4187, and all the information needed to enroll in BSEP via email approximately **one week** after submitting the BSEP Student Record.
  6. Send completed enrollment form & DA4187 with commander's signatures to the BSEP org box. Commanders must sign digitally and with correct signature block!
- **BSEP CLASSES ARE FILLED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.** Once a class is full, we no longer accept enrollment paperwork. We stop accepting **ALL** BSEP enrollment paperwork **ONE WEEK** before a class begins.



## Online Academic Skills Course

1) Go to <https://dantes.petersons.com/>



2) Create account



Academic Skills Training | OASC

[Log In](#) [Sign Up](#)

NOTICE: All Active Duty Military members (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard), Reserve, National Guard, Military Family Members, and DoD civilians and their families are eligible for this service.

First name\*

Last name\*

User role

Learner

Educator

Military Branch\*

Your base\*

Role\*

E-mail\*

Password\*

Your password must be at least 8 characters, including at least three types from this list: a lowercase letter, an uppercase letter, a number, and a special character (@#%&^\*).

I attest that I am eligible to access Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course\*

[Sign Up](#)




## Online Academic Skills Course

3) Take these 4 pre-assessments at a minimum



- ? Pre-Assessment - Arithmetic Reasoning
- ? Pre-Assessment - Mathematics Knowledge
- ? Pre-Assessment - Paragraph Comprehension
- ? Pre-Assessment - Word Knowledge

### Scores

Grade Item	Points	Grade
Welcome	John Doe - #12345678	100%
<b>Academic Predictor Scores</b>		
As you complete all of the sections of your Diagnostic Test, your academic predictor scores will populate below. This adaptive course will unlock content for you to study based on the diagnostic test, and these academic predictor scores can further help you pinpoint the areas you need to focus your studies on.		
Jump back into your <a href="#">course content here</a> , and once you've finished all of your unlocked content, you can take the post assessment to see how much you've brought up your score!		
		
Pre-Assessment MAP: Army		
General Technical		21 / 137



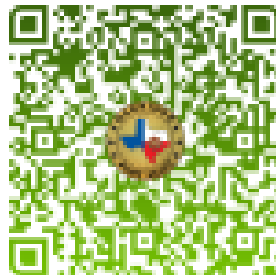
4) Save Results and send to BSEP!

**Note: Please save as an ADOBE pdf & Please add your name and DoDID #**



## BSEP STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

- After receiving the registration form and BSEP schedule choose a potential class (first and second choices).
- Fill out your name and all the **highlighted** sections.
- Ensure your email address is correct!
- Email the completed registration form
- to the BSEP Mailbox.




BSEP STUDENT RECORD			Today's Date:	
CLASS NUMBER	CLASS - DATES - TIMES	CELL PHONE	ENTRY	TERMINATION
1st Choice	CVZ-8 (17 MAR - 2 APR/0900-1600) CVZ-9 (31 MAR - 16 APR/0900-1600) CVZ-10 (7 APR - 7 MAY/1230-1530) CVZ-12 (28 APR - 14 MAY/0900-1600) CVZ-13 (12 MAY - 28 MAY/0900-1600) CVZ-14 (19 MAY - 18 JUN/1230-1530) CVZ-15 (26 MAY - 11 JUN/0900-1600) CVZ-16 (9 JUN - 25 JUN/0900-1600) CVZ-17 (23 JUN - 9 JUL/0900-1600) CVZ-18 (30 JUN - 30 JUL/1230-1530)			
2nd Choice				
FULL NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		MOS	DOD ID	
MILITARY & PERSONAL EMAIL (WRITE LEGIBLY!)		GT SCORE	UNIT/BATTALION	
INSTRUCTOR COMMENTS				
WITHDRAWAL DATE/REASON:				
EXIT DATE	EMAILED		Initial: <input type="text"/>	Confirmation: <input type="checkbox"/>
	CMT COMPLETED		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ARMY/IGNITED COMPLETED		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instructor Signature: _____				

## BSEP ENROLLMENT FORM

- Approximately **one week** after submitting the registration form, you will receive the BSEP Enrollment Form, and a sample DA4187 via email.
- The BSEP Enrollment Form **must** be digitally signed by your **Commander** to allow you to attend an on-duty class.
- Return the BSEP Enrollment Form at least **ONE WEEK** before your proposed class begins to room via email.





**REQUEST TO ATTEND ON-DUTY TRAINING  
ARMY CONTINUING EDUCATION SYSTEM**

Privacy Act Statement:  
AUTHORITY: 10 USC 4302; Enlisted members of the Army; Schools; AR 621-5, Army Continuing Education System.  
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To enable the enrollment in the Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) to provide Army Continuing Education System services. ROUTINE USE(S): None. DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide information may result in the inability to obtain Army Continuing Education System services.

**General Information**

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_  
 UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ MOS: \_\_\_\_\_ GT: \_\_\_\_\_ DOD ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name: \_\_\_\_\_

START DATE	END DATE	DAY(S)	START TIME	END TIME
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday	_____	_____

BUILDING: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS**

I am requesting this class to support my educational objectives.

Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I request permission to attend above training. I understand that regular class attendance is expected and that non-attendance will be reported to my unit. If enrolled in the BSEP program, upon completion of class and recommendation by an educational advisor, I request permission to take an AFCT Retest. I authorize the Education Center to receive a copy of my AFCT retest results.

Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Request is approved. The applicant will be available to attend class as scheduled. Attendance is mandatory except in case of illness, personal emergencies or military operational emergencies.

Confirm Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Commander: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DA 4187

- A DA 4187 is required to take the AFCT. Ensure your DA 4187 is properly filled out and **DIGITALLY** signed by your Commander **with correct signature block**
- You may bring a hard copy of your DA 4187 to the first day of class. The Program Manager will go over the DA 4187 to ensure it is filled out correctly **if correct, it must be emailed digitally to BSEP.**
- If not correct, you **must** email a corrected DA 4187 to room D200 by Friday of the first week of class in order to test with your class.
- **If you do not submit your DA 4187 by the required date, you will schedule the AFCT for a later date with the Testing office.**

Attachments Menu

PERSONNEL ACTION		
For use of this form, see DA PAM 600-6; the proponent is the DCS, G-1.		
<b>PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT</b> AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 7013, Secretary of the Army, DA PAM 600-6, Military Human Resources Management Administrative Procedures.		
<b>PURPOSE:</b> To request or record personnel actions for or by Soldiers in accordance with DA PAM 600-6.		
<b>NOTE:</b> For additional information see the System of Records Notice A5000-0-104 AFCT: <a href="https://oas.samhsa.gov/2K/2K-104/2K-104.htm">https://oas.samhsa.gov/2K/2K-104/2K-104.htm</a>		
<b>ROUTINE USE:</b> There are no specific routine uses anticipated for this form. However it may be subject to a number of proper and necessary routine uses identified in the system of records notice(s) identified in the purpose statement above.		
<b>DISCLOSURE:</b> Voluntary, however, failure to input pertinent information may result in a delay or error in processing the request for personnel action.		
SECTION I - PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION		
1. THRU (include ZIP Code)	2. TO (include ZIP Code) Education Services Division USAO D200 ESD ATTN: TCO 1424 FORT CAVAZOS, TX 76544	3. FROM (include ZIP Code) COMMANDER Co. 115th BSB 1CD FORT CAVAZOS, TX 76544
4. NAME (Last, First, MI) DOE, JOHN A.	5. GRADE OR RANK / PMOS / AOC E-5/SGT/ 11B	6. DOD ID NUMBER 1234567890
SECTION II - DUTY STATUS CHANGE (AF 600-6-6)		
7. The above Soldier's duty status is changed from N/A to _____ to _____ effective _____ hours.		
SECTION III - REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL ACTION		
8. I request the following action: (Check as appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Service School (RTR only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Forces Training/Assignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Identification Card
<input type="checkbox"/> ROTC or Reserve Component Duty	<input type="checkbox"/> On-the-Job Training (RTR only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Identification Tags
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering For Overseas Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Retesting in Army Personnel Tests	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate Rations
<input type="checkbox"/> Ranger Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Reassignment Married Army Couples	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave - Excess/Advance/Outside CONUS
<input type="checkbox"/> Reassignment Extreme Family Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name/SN/DOB
<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange Reassignment (RTR only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer Candidate School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): AFCT
<input type="checkbox"/> Airborne Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Asgmt of Pers with Exceptional Family Members	
9. SIGNATURE OF SOLDIER (when required)		10. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
SECTION IV - REMARKS (Applies to Sections I, II, and V)		
1. Soldier's last date of AFCT takes: 2. Current ASVAB/AFCT (GD) Score: 3. SSN: 4. Soldier has not tested in the last six months. 5. PHONE NUMBER: 6. MILITARY EMAIL: 7. PERSONAL EMAIL: 8. 1SO NAME: 9. 1SO PHONE NUMBER: 10. 1SO EMAIL:		
NOTE: 1. Block 12 must contain the Commander's Name, Rank, Branch and Position (Commander) or designated representative IAW AR 600-6-6. * E-7 and above can sign their own 4187; Block 12: Name, Rank Position, and Block 13: must be (digitally signed).		
FORM MUST BE TYPED!		
SECTION V - CERTIFICATION / APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL		
11. I certify that the duty status change (Section II) or that the request for personnel action (Section III) contained herein:		
<input type="checkbox"/> HAS BEEN VERIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMEND APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> IS DISAPPROVED		
12. COMMANDER / AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Last Name, First Name, Rank, Branch, Commanding	13. SIGNATURE	14. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Do I have to complete BSEP to take the AFCT?
  - No. You can study on your own and/or attend study halls to prepare and take the AFCT without enrolling in BSEP.
- Will the AFCT test me on all line scores or just the GT score?
  - The AFCT will test you on all line scores.
- How long will it take to receive my new scores?
  - Scores will be available after you finish the AFCT.
  - We will email you the score report and memorandum within a few days.
- What is the average point gain?
  - 11 to 12 point gains are average at Fort Hood



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- If I receive a lower GT score on the AFCT, will that replace my current GT score?
  - Yes. Your new scores will replace your old scores (whether they are higher or lower) and you will need to wait six months before you can retest.
- If I choose to take the AFCT without enrolling in BSEP, how do I schedule the exam?
  - When you are ready to take the AFCT, email the Fort Hood Testing Office at [usarmy.hood.id-wh.mbx.dhr-esd-testing@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.id-wh.mbx.dhr-esd-testing@army.mil) to schedule a GT Predictor first if desired, then the AFCT.
  - AFCT is offered Wednesdays at 0900 and 1300 in room G261.
  - GT predictor is offered on Tuesdays, 0900.

*Testing Mailbox*



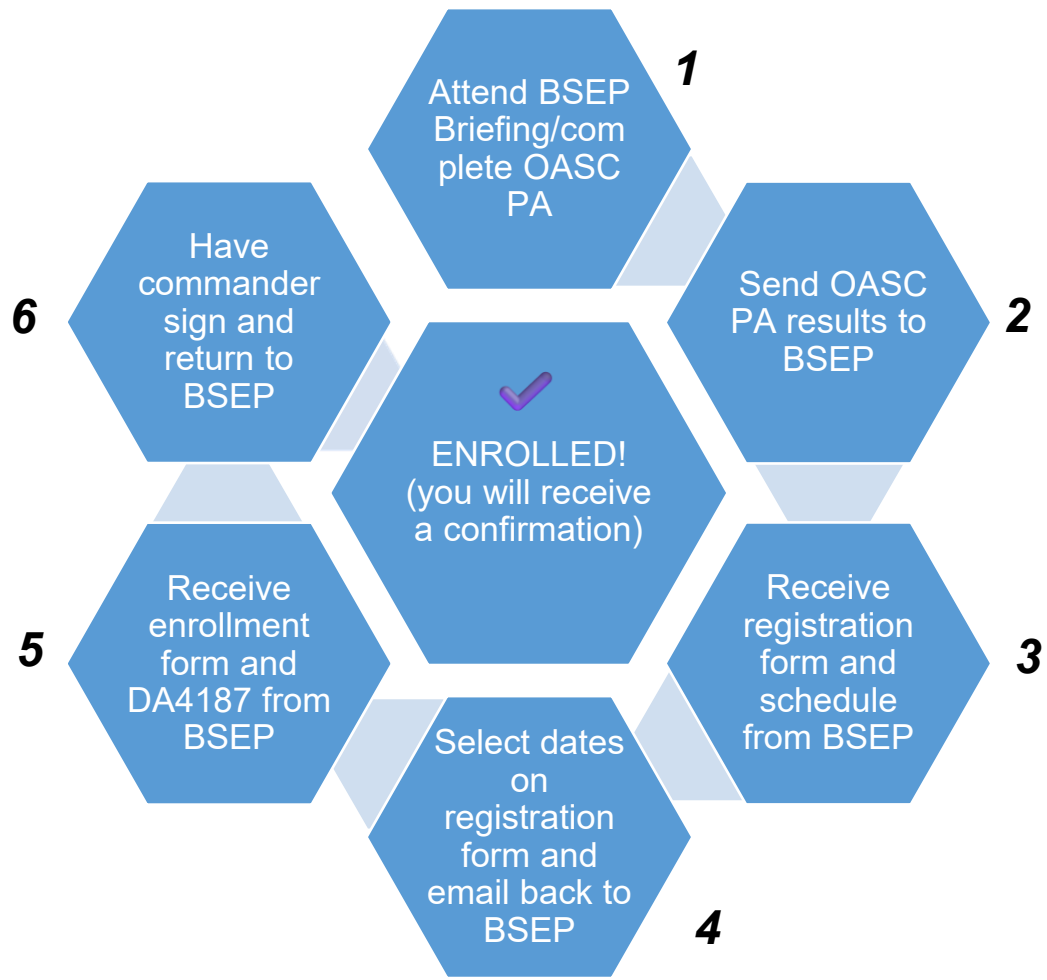
## Enrollment Process review



BSEP Mailbox



OASC site



[usarmy.hood.id-readiness.mbx.dhr-esd-bsep@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.id-readiness.mbx.dhr-esd-bsep@army.mil)



## KNOWLEDGE CHECK!

- What's the first step for BSEP enrollment after this briefing?

***Complete the OASC Pre-Assessment!***

- How do I submit my completed OASC Pre-Assessment?

***Through the BSEP mailbox in PDF format!***



- What document do you receive after you submit OASC Pre-Assessment?

***The registration form & schedule!***



## KNOWLEDGE CHECK!

- What must you enter on the registration form before submitting?

***Two class dates and your information!***

- After you email the registration form to the org box, what do you receive?

***The enrollment form and a DA4187!***

- How must your commander sign your enrollment form & DA4187?

***Both must be digitally signed by your commander!***



## KNOWLEDGE CHECK!

- What happens if you do not receive a confirmation email?

***You are not officially in a class.***

- Which form reserves your BSEP class date?

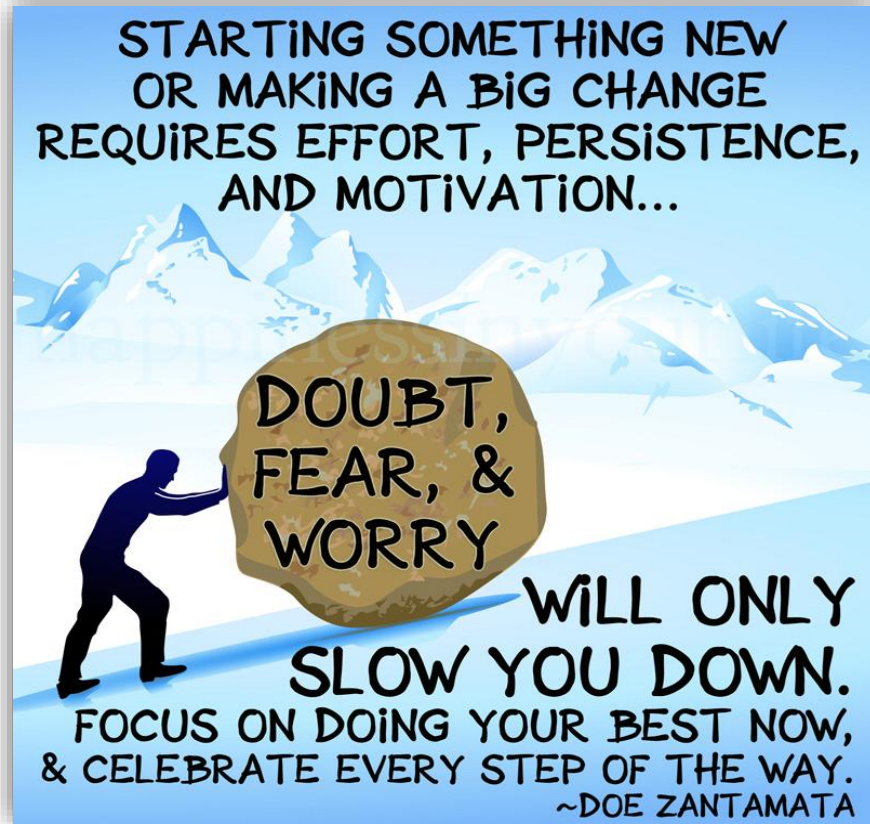
***The enrollment form!***

- What is the DA4187 for?

***To take the AFCT!***



## QUESTIONS?



Email [usarmy.hood.id-wh.mbx.dhr-esd-bsep@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.id-wh.mbx.dhr-esd-bsep@army.mil) with any additional questions.

