



# FORT RILEY EDUCATION SERVICES

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## The Army's Virtual Gateway to Education-Anytime, Anywhere

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### JULY

**2nd- Resiliency Day Off (RDO)**  
**5th- Independence Day Observed**  
**16th- Resiliency Day Off (RDO)**  
**30th- Resiliency Day Off (RDO)**

### Testing Schedule

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>	TABE DLPT	DLPT
<b>Tuesday</b>	TABE/DLPT	DLPT
<b>Wednesday</b>	TABE/AFCT DLAB 1st & 3rd	
<b>Thursday</b>	Open Testing	Open Testing
<b>Friday</b>	No Testing	

- BMST - Contact Testing for scheduling
  - OPI—Contact Testing for scheduling
  - TABE A— Warrant Officer/ Professional Schooling— contact testing for scheduling
  - SIFT— POSTPONED until further notice
  - ECL/Air Force/Firefighter—Call for Information
- Please DON'T be a NO SHOW**  
To reschedule please call (785) 239-6481

### Consortium Of Schools

Barton Community College - 785.784.6606  
Central Michigan University - 785.784.4402  
Central Texas College - 785.209.3179  
Hutchinson Com. College - 785.239.2551  
K-State University - 785.239.0685  
Southwestern College - 785.784.9930  
Upper Iowa University - 785.784.5225  
University Of Mary - 785.784.2158

### Student Spotlight



Hi, I'm Niko Coldren, I'm from San Diego California. Before the Army I was a skydiving coach in San Diego. I have two younger siblings and love the band The Grateful Dead. I joined the Army so that I could travel, have new experiences, meet people from diverse backgrounds, and serve the greatest country on Earth. I am a 13F, a fire support specialist, and one of the big perks the Army offers is the benefits towards education. Unfortunately, many people don't take advantage of them until they leave the military. I saw this as an opportunity to make the most of the benefits provided and start on my education as soon as possible. This allows me to make the most of my time while active duty.

I have always planned on continuing my education after high school, but I was not aware that I was able to do it while on active duty. Ms. Mackenzie in the Fort Riley Education Center helped me to set up my classes while also reassuring me that I could do it and offering insight to help me succeed. I am working towards my Associate in Liberal Arts to help me eventually earn a Bachelor's in Education. I chose Barton Community College because they are local to Fort Riley and have a large population of active-duty students. My goal is to graduate with my Associates in 2023.

Going to school is a serious commitment just like being a Soldier. Time management is very important as well as having a plan to help you succeed. The Education Center helped me take the right classes to fit my schedule and set goals that are achievable. The most important aspect to succeeding is to have your priorities understood; schoolwork is important and needs to get done even if you might not feel motivated on that day. Post military, I want to go to a UC school in California and be a full-time student working towards my Bachelor's in Education utilizing the education benefits from the military. My personal preference is online classes because they allow me to create my schedule around my workday. This allows me to do more work some days and less work on busy days. A drawback to online schooling is it is completely your decision whether you succeed or fail. If you don't manage your time well and don't prioritize school it is very easy to fall behind. I believe in lifelong learning even if that doesn't necessarily mean a formal education. I love to learn new things every day from military knowledge to reading books or learning new skateboard tricks or skills. Therefore, it was very clear to me that although it can be stressful at times continuing my formal education was an important goal. That's why even if college is not for you there are lots of different classes that can give you important skills or teach you information you're genuinely interested in.

### **Advice to Soldiers:**

Anyone who might consider going to school I would highly recommend at least taking the first step by contacting the Education Center on post. The Education Center is there solely to help you achieve your goals and present you with all your options for education.



**Q: I think I'm ready to start college, but I don't know where to start, what should I do?**



**A:** Fort Riley Education Services has launched a brand new College 101/ArmyIgnitED brief designed to help you learn everything you need to know to be successful in pursuing your educational goals while you're active duty. It is an hour long brief that takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 in the computer lab at Education Services. During the brief we will cover the details of your tuition assistance benefits, how to pick a school and an area of study, how to apply to a college or university once you've made your choice and so much more! At the end of the brief we will also offer you an opportunity to activate your ArmyIgnitED account and give you an opportunity to go over some of the functionality on the new system! You do not need to register in advance but briefs are limited to 12 Soldiers. If you have any questions or need additional information feel free to reach out!

## Hail & Farewell



After 13 years Directing for Central Texas College (CTC) Fort Riley I am bidding you all a fond farewell. It has been an honor to be of service, at an honorable institution, and to an amazing diverse, and dedicated group of individuals. To all of my faculty, staff, and students, you have made my stay at Fort Riley worthwhile.

I started with Central Texas College in Europe, Würzburg, Kitzingen, and Giebelstadt to be exact. At the time, I was a military spouse, working full time, schooling full time, parenting. I completed my Associate Degree in Hawaii, Bachelor's Degree in Europe, and my first Master's Degree with Kansas State University. The best academic advice I can give students is, "keep going and for God's sakes, do not stop!" Even if you hate going to school a year from now, simply finish what you started. I promise you, it will serve you well.

I am currently working towards a second Master's Degree with The University of Kansas (KU) in Social Work. I have finally found my calling. I want to work with soldiers and survivors who wish to recover from the effects of PTSD and eventually have my own therapy practice in wellness using techniques to support others to heal from trauma.

I have also accepted a position with KU as the Assistant Director for the Engineering Career Center to help connect Industry to KU's Engineering Graduates. Although I will miss CTC and all of you, this is a great opportunity for professional growth, and it is with you that I've learned a skillset that is required at KU too.

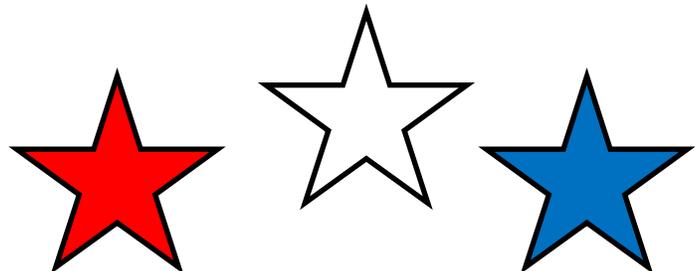
In my final farewell, I wish you all the very best in your personal and professional lives. I take with me the witness to your hard work as active duty service men and women working towards your degrees while juggling deployments, injuries, family, and hardships. The laughter and hard work with all my colleagues at Fort Riley Ed Services, Central Texas College, and my faculty and staff whose service alongside me in the trenches, none of this would have been possible. Fare-the-well everyone!

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