

## Commonly Used Education Acronyms

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AA	Associate of Arts Degree
AARTS	Army American Council on Education Registered Transcript
AS	Associate of Science Degree
ACE	American Council on Education
ACT	American College Testing
AASRT	Associate in Applied Science in Radiological Technology
ASAST	Associate in Science in Science and Technology
ASE	Automotive Service Excellence
ASNSM	Associate in Natural Science and Mathematics
ASPSS	Associate in Science in Public and Social Services
ASM	Associate in Science in Management
ASVAB	Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
ATCO	Alternate Test Control Officer
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BS	Bachelor of Science
BSAST	Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology
BSBA	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
BSHS	Bachelor of Science in Human Services
BSN	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
CCAF	Community College of the Air Force
CDA	Career Development Advisor
CGI	Coast Guard Institute
CLEP	College Level Examination Program
CONUS	Contiguous United States
CORPA	Council on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation
DANTES	Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support
DISC	DANTES Independent Study Catalog
DoD	Department of Defense
DoEd	Department of Education
DSST	DANTES Subject Standardized Tests
EC	CG Institute Education Center (AutoDP Web-enabled database)
ECE	Excelsior College Examinations
EOCT	End-of-Course Test
ESO	Education Services Officer
ETS	Educational Testing Service

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GE.....	General Exam
GED.....	General Education Development (High School Equiv. Exam)
GMAT.....	Graduate Management Admission Test
GRE.....	Graduate Record Exam
LSAT.....	Law School Admission Test
MGIB.....	CH-30, USC 38, Montgomery GI Bill
NREMT.....	National Registry / Emergency Medical Technician
NRT.....	Non-Resident Training
OAR.....	Officer Aptitude Rating Exam
PCS.....	Permanent Change of Station (Transfer)
PPEP.....	Pre-Commissioning Program for Enlisted Personnel
PRAXIS.....	National Teachers Examinations
SAT.....	Scholastic Aptitude Test
SE.....	Subject Exam
SOC.....	Servicemember's Opportunity College
SOCCOAST.....	Servicemember's Opportunity College Coast Guard Degree Program
TA.....	Tuition Assistance
TAD.....	Temporary Additional Duty
TCO.....	Test Control Officer
VA.....	Veterans Administration
VEAP.....	Veterans Education Assistance Program (Pre MGIB)
VE.....	Voluntary Education

## Education Related Websites

Accreditation	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html</a>
AARTS	<a href="http://aarts.army.mil">http://aarts.army.mil</a>
ACE	<a href="http://www.acenet.edu">www.acenet.edu</a>
ACE Military Guides	<a href="http://www.militaryguides.acenet.edu">http://www.militaryguides.acenet.edu</a>
ACE National Program	<a href="http://www.acenet.edu/cill/corporate/participating_orgs.cfm">http://www.acenet.edu/cill/corporate/participating_orgs.cfm</a>
ACE Transcript Registry	<a href="https://www.acenet.edu/transcripts/register/register.cfm">https://www.acenet.edu/transcripts/register/register.cfm</a>
ACET Program	<a href="http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/g-srf/profiles/acet.htm">http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/g-srf/profiles/acet.htm</a>
ACT	<a href="http://www.act.org">http://www.act.org</a>
Career Central	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/career/index1.htm">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/career/index1.htm</a>
Career Development Advisor	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/cda/index.htm">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/cda/index.htm</a>
Charter Oak State College	<a href="http://www.cosc.edu">http://www.cosc.edu</a>
CLEP Examinations	<a href="http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/CLEP.htm">http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/CLEP.htm</a>
Coast Guard Institute	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cgi/">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cgi/</a>
College Locator / Ranking Guide	<a href="http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/brief/t1natudoc_brief.php">http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/brief/t1natudoc_brief.php</a>
College Search Services	<a href="http://www.petersons.com/">http://www.petersons.com/</a> <a href="http://www.collegeview.com">http://www.collegeview.com</a> <a href="http://www.collegeexpress.com">http://www.collegeexpress.com</a>
CCAF Transcript	<a href="http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp">http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp</a>
DANTES College of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs	<a href="http://www.dantescatalogs.com/CounselorDisclaimer.asp">http://www.dantescatalogs.com/CounselorDisclaimer.asp</a>
DANTES Examinations	<a href="http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/dsst.htm">http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/dsst.htm</a>
Distance Learning (Search Engines)	<a href="http://www.about.com/education">http://www.about.com/education</a> <a href="http://www.dantes.doded.mil/">http://www.dantes.doded.mil/</a> <a href="http://www.petersons.com/distancelearning/default.asp">http://www.petersons.com/distancelearning/default.asp</a>

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DOD Job Search	<a href="http://www.defenselink.mil/sites/c.html#civjobs">http://www.defenselink.mil/sites/c.html#civjobs</a>
Education Center	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cgi/ve/ve.asp">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cgi/ve/ve.asp</a>
Excelsior College Exams	<a href="http://www.excelsior.edu">http://www.excelsior.edu</a>
Federal Financial Aid	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/finaid/landing.jhtml?src=rt">http://www.ed.gov/finaid/landing.jhtml?src=rt</a>
Graduate Management Admission Test	<a href="http://www.gmat.org">http://www.gmat.org</a>
Graduate Record Exam	<a href="http://www.gre.org">http://www.gre.org</a>
Math Study Guide	<a href="http://www.webmath.com">http://www.webmath.com</a>
Officer Accession Programs	<a href="http://www.gocoastguard.com/">http://www.gocoastguard.com/</a>
Operations Transition	<a href="http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/ot">http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/ot</a>
PRAXIS	<a href="http://www.ets.org/praxis">http://www.ets.org/praxis</a>
SAT	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.org/testing">http://www.collegeboard.org/testing</a>
Scholarships, Grants, & Loans	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">http://www.fastweb.com</a> <a href="http://www.wiredscholar.com">http://www.wiredscholar.com</a> <a href="http://www.scholarships.com">http://www.scholarships.com</a> <a href="http://www.collegeexpress.com">http://www.collegeexpress.com</a> <a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wk/wkw/work-life_programs/scholarship_program.htm">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wk/wkw/work-life_programs/scholarship_program.htm</a>
Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges	<a href="http://www.soc.aascu.org">http://www.soc.aascu.org</a>
Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Coast Guard (SOCCOAST)	<a href="http://www.soc.aascu.org/soccoast/Default.html">http://www.soc.aascu.org/soccoast/Default.html</a>
SkillSoft	<a href="http://cgweb.tcyorktown.uscg.mil/sfweb/">http://cgweb.tcyorktown.uscg.mil/sfweb/</a>
SMARTS	<a href="https://www.navycollege.navy.mil">https://www.navycollege.navy.mil</a>
Thomas Edison State College	<a href="http://www.tesc.edu">http://www.tesc.edu</a>
University of Phoenix	<a href="http://www.phoenix.edu">http://www.phoenix.edu</a>
VA – MGIB / VEAP	<a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov">http://www.gibill.va.gov</a>

# ESO Duties and Responsibilities for Voluntary Education Programs

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## Introduction

The ESO is a key player in providing resources and assisting members in making critical decisions that may affect the rest of their lives. Few other USCG positions hold such responsibility. Providing members the opportunity to continue their education essentially provides the ladder for which they may progress throughout their career.

ESOs are key players in helping the Coast Guard meet the second element of the Commandant's Direction Statement "People". "To increase commitment to our people we will: Emphasize education, training, and professional growth for the workforce." Education and training is essential to enable USCG personnel to meet the demands of the future.

The level of commitment of the ESO can effectively make or break the unit's education program. A dedicated ESO can instill motivation in those seeking assistance. On the other hand, an ESO who does not understand how important continuing education opportunities are to members may serve to stifle any motivation exhibited by those in the unit.

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## ESO Location

The ESO office should be located in an area well known to all members. If the ESO is away from the office frequently, an assistant ESO shall be appointed.

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## Responsibility

It is the ESO's responsibility to provide opportunities for all Coast Guard members to continue their professional growth and development.

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## Duties

As a **minimum** ESOs shall:

- Conduct an annual needs assessment to determine what educational programs are desired by unit personnel. A sample needs assessment is provided as Figure I-1
  - Assist members with college enrollment.
    - Maintain current literature on college programs available in local geographic area.
    - Ensure members and dependents receive in-state tuition, if applicable
    - Ensure institution is properly accredited.
  - Counsel members about non-traditional education programs.
    - Credit for military learning experiences
    - College Credit Examinations
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## ESO Duties and Responsibilities for Voluntary Education Programs (Cont'd)

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### Duties (continued)

- Assist members in completing the Tuition Assistance form.
  - Work with colleges and universities to resolve any difficulties with TA.
  - Assist members in locating scholarships or loans.
  - Help members document their military learning experiences.
  - Explain the CGI Transcript, Assessment, and Degree Plan.
  - Assist members in enrolling in college video and audio courses through the College Audio/Video Test Preparation Program (Volume IV of this publication).
  - Administer or arrange for the administration of all DANTES sponsored examinations.
  - Be cognizant of high school completion programs and/or the GED examination.
  - Assist members in activating their GI Bill Benefits
  - Conduct briefings or other forms of outreach to ensure all members are aware of the educational opportunities available.
  - Develop effective partnerships with Career Development Advisor (CDA), colleges and universities, CGI, other organizations impacting on the delivery of educational programs to your command.
  - Become familiar with the contents of this Publication.
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## Education Needs Assessment Survey

In an effort to better serve your educational needs, we need some input from you. Please take a few minutes to respond to the following questions.

What educational programs would you find of interest?

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When would you want the programs offered? (What time of day?)

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Where would you want the programs offered? (On the installation or local college)

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What type of media would you like the course to be in? (Check all that apply)

Instructor Facilitated

CD-ROM

On-Line Computer Based

Video Tele-course

Other-Please explain

Independent Study (paper-based)

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Please return this survey to your ESO:

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<p><a href="#"><u>College Level Exam Program (CLEP)</u></a>   <a href="#"><u>Transcript Request DANTES - CLEP</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, spouses of Active duty members, reservists, and civilian employees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>CLEP General</u></a> exams are a series of 5 exams, each has a 90-minute time limit. No penalty for guessing</li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>CLEP Subject</u></a> exams each have a 90-minute time limit. No penalty for guessing. Available in about 25 subjects.</li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>DANTES</u></a> does not fund the advance, non-refundable registration fee charged by national test centers to reserve a date and time for testing. This fee ranges from \$15 to \$25 per test and the examinee is responsible for paying this fee.</li> <li>• All CLEP General Exams and a limited number of CLEP Subject exams are administered to military members through DANTES test sites free of charge.</li> <li>• USCG DANTES test sites and Reserve Component Test Centers may administer exams to spouses and civilian employees free of charge.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, spouses of Active duty members, reservists, and civilian employees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSST's are course achievement exams. There are about 37 tests available. No time limit and there is no penalty for guessing.</li> <li>• Administered to military members through DANTES test sites free of charge.</li> <li>• USCG DANTES test sites and Reserve Component Test Centers may administer exams to spouses and civilian employees free of charge.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>Excelsior College Examinations (ECE)</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, reservists,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are used to meet specific college degree requirements. There are 48 tests available. Each has a 3-hour time limit and there is no penalty for guessing.</li> <li>• Administered to military members through DANTES test sites free of charge.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>College Video/Audio Courses (Brown Bag University)</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, spouses of Active duty members, reservists, and civilian employees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hollywood style video/audio courses that are loaned to the member free for 120 days (except for the COMEX CLEP General Exam series which is limited to 60 days).</li> <li>• Should be used along with textbooks and study guides to prepare for most CLEP/DSST/Excelsior tests.</li> <li>• A complete listing of video/audio courses can be found in <a href="#"><u>Vol. IV</u></a> of the <a href="#"><u>ESO Procedures Guide</u></a>.</li> <li>• Submit CGI form <a href="#"><u>1560/36R</u></a> (College Audio/Video Request).</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>Tuition Assistance</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, reservists and civilian employees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Coast Guard Tuition Assistance program is designed to assist eligible personnel in their professional development by providing funding for off-duty voluntary education courses to broaden their academic or technical background.</li> <li>• Officers must agree to remain on active duty for 12 months after completing a course. Civilian employees not previously employed with the Coast Guard are required to have a minimum of 3 months prior Coast Guard employment before being eligible for TA.</li> <li>• and agree to retain employment with the Coast Guard one (01) month for each semester hour of credit taken.</li> </ul>

### Coast Guard Education Quick Reference Guide (continued)

<p><b>Tuition Assistance (continued)</b></p>	<p>Active duty, reservists and civilian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cap is \$4,500 per fiscal year.</li> <li>• Paid at 100% of the cost of an institution's tuition for</li> </ul>
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	employees	<p>each course up to FY caps. Maximum payable for college courses per semester hour is \$250.00, or \$166.67 per quarter hour. CG TA is not authorized for courses that result in CEUs or courses measured in clock hours IAW ALCOAST 367/07.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colleges must be accredited and courses must result in college credit;</li> <li>• Payment is made to the institution, not to the individual.</li> <li>• TA Applications (<a href="#">CG-4147</a>) should be submitted NLT 14 days prior to class convening date.</li> <li>• Must pay tuition assistance back to the CG within 60 days if you fail or do not complete the course.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Top-Up</a>	Members eligible to receive the Chapter 30 (active duty) Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the VA to pay costs not paid through tuition assistance.</li> <li>• Payable for 36 months of courses. The amount of entitlement charged is determined by dividing the amount of the payment by the claimant's full-time institutional monthly rate.</li> <li>• Payment is made to the individual, not the institution and is made in one lump-sum payment.</li> <li>• File the TA approval form along with the VA Form 22-1990.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">CG Foundation Grants</a>	Active duty enlisted members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be in pay grades E-3 to E-9 or reservist on active duty orders of at least one year in length.</li> <li>• Administered by the <a href="#">CG Institute</a>. Maximum of \$350 per calendar year.</li> <li>• Both the CG Foundation Education Grant (CGFEG) &amp; the Vander Putten Education Grant (VPEG) are administered throughout the calendar year – one can apply by using the same form.</li> <li>• Can be used to cover tuition costs not covered by tuition assistance, almost all fees, and miscellaneous expenses (books, etc). Send questions to the <a href="#">Foundation Grant Manager</a>.</li> <li>• Submit CGI Form <a href="#">1560/10A</a> and copies of itemized receipts. Receipts can't be more than 1 year old as of the date the CG Institute receives the application. Applications must be submitted NLT 01 Dec each calendar year. Late applications will not be carried forward to the next calendar year</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Supplemental Education Grant (SEG)</a>	Active duty, selected reserve, retired members, civilian employees, CG Exchange System employees, Auxiliary members, and their spouses and dependent children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement by CG Mutual Assistance Representative.</li> <li>• Maximum of \$160 per calendar year for qualifying members, their spouses and dependent children.</li> <li>• See the CG Mutual Assistance webpage for more details and the application form: <a href="http://www.cgmahq.org/">http://www.cgmahq.org/</a></li> </ul>

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<a href="#">SAT I: Reasoning</a>	Active duty and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of these exams may be administered to military members</li> </ul>
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<a href="#"><u>Test and ACT Assessment (ACT) Program</u></a>	reservists	<p>through DANTES test sites free of charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second test free if current test score is required for CG advancement program.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>GRE Record Examinations (GRE) and Graduate Management Admission Tests (GMAT)</u></a>	Active duty and reservists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These exams may be administered to military members at civilian test centers on a reimbursement basis.</li> <li>• Must be applying to or enrolled in a graduate school requiring the exam or fulfilling a legitimate service requirement. Member must also agree to apply for reimbursement within 90 days of the scheduled test date.</li> <li>• Will only be reimbursed for the cost of the exam, not for any cancellation fees, late fee, no show fees, etc.</li> <li>• Members submit either a DANTES GRE General Reimbursement Form (<a href="#">DANTES 1560/49</a>) / GMAT Reimbursement Form (<a href="#">DANTES 1560/48</a>) along with a copy of their test scores and receipt to a DANTES Test Control Officer for processing.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>GRE Subject Tests</u></a>	Active duty and reservists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one administration of a GRE Subject Test is funded by DANTES per lifetime for eligible military personnel.</li> <li>• Administered to military members through DANTES test sites free of charge.</li> <li>• Given on specific dates, three times per year</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Licensing and Certification Tests</u></a>	Members eligible to receive the <a href="#">Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)</a> or <a href="#">VEAP</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement by the VA for licensing and certification tests.</li> <li>• Tests must be specifically approved for the G.I Bill.</li> <li>• VA can pay up to \$2,000 per test but no more than the actual cost of the test. There is no limit to the number of tests a member can take.</li> <li>• VA will not pay any other fees connected with obtaining a license or certification.</li> <li>• Foundation Education Grant will pay up to \$350.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Certification Programs</u></a>	Military members. A few programs allow testing of civilians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DANTES has agreements with approximately 60 nationally recognized certification associations.</li> <li>• Foundation Education Grant will pay up to \$350.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP)</u></a>	Active duty enlisted members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides recognition of skills learned; recognition nationally as a journeyman in a trade; credit hours at some colleges toward completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree and documented proof of work experience hours earned while on active duty.</li> <li>• Must have a high school diploma or GED, and meet the requirements for the journeyman rating.</li> <li>• Must be registered in the program. Once registered, must maintain a logbook.</li> </ul>

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<p><a href="#"><u>Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty and reservists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six months waiting period since last test.</li> <li>• May take only those portions of the tests needed.</li> <li>• The new score regardless if it's higher or lower than previous score becomes the member's new score.</li> <li>• Procedures on AFCT Testing Program are annotated in the AFCT SOP which is posted on the CG Institute webpage and on CG Central.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>Educational Assessments /Transcripts</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, reservists, civilian employees and spouses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents a member's military learning experiences – <a href="#"><u>American Council on Education</u></a> (ACE) reviews and recommends college credit for CG courses. Can combine with other sources just as score reports, official college transcripts, and examinations.</li> <li>• Members may view their unofficial transcript on line at <a href="http://education.uscg.mil/">http://education.uscg.mil/</a>. The site is only available through the CG network. Members cannot view their documents at home.</li> <li>• Updates may be requested when member has completed an additional 12 hours (military or college). Submit <a href="#"><u>CGI-1561</u></a> (Application for Voluntary Education Services) to request an update and provide documentation for any completed training not listed in direct access.</li> <li>• An official transcript of members learning experience may be forwarded to a school. Member submits signed <a href="#"><u>CGI 1564</u></a> (Official Transcript Request) to the CG Institute.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>Degree Plans for Military Recognition Colleges and SOCCOAST Institutions</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, spouses of Active duty members, reservists, and civilian employees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personalized degree planning outlining the college's requirements and showing the distribution of credits earned can be requested by submitting <a href="#"><u>CGI-1561</u></a> (Application for Voluntary Education Services) to CGI and checking the applicable box. More than 4755 degree plans are available for 322 SOC institutions of which 67 are SOCCOAST institutions. For a <a href="#"><u>complete list</u></a> see the Institute homepage.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>DANTES Independent Study Program (DISC)</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty and reservists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains credit courses offered for all academic levels. Members may select from approximately 6,000 courses from 40 colleges and universities.</li> <li>• Enroll directly with the institution.</li> <li>• Submit TA Application (<a href="#"><u>CG-4147</u></a>) for approval at least 10 days prior to class convening date.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u>DANTES External Degree Program</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty and reservists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains credit-bearing certificate, undergraduate, and graduate external degree programs selected to meet the needs of the military student.</li> <li>• Programs have minimal or no residency requirements.</li> <li>• Enroll directly with the institution.</li> <li>• Submit TA Application (<a href="#"><u>CG-4147</u></a>) for approval at least 10 days prior to class convening date.</li> </ul>

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<p><a href="#"><u>SkillSoft</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, reservists, civilian employees and auxiliary members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides over 700 different information technology courses over the internet. Several of the courses are recommended for college credit through ACE. For a list see the SkillSoft homepage at <a href="http://cgweb/tcyorktown.uscg.mil/sfweb/">http://cgweb/tcyorktown.uscg.mil/sfweb/</a></li> <li>• No cost to the member.</li> <li>• Final Exam must be proctored to receive ACE recommended credit. See Vol. III ESO Procedures Guide.</li> <li>• Must register via CGSW.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#"><u> Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Coast Guard (SOCCOAST)</u></a></p>	<p>Active duty, reservists, civilian employees and their dependents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides for a network of SOC affiliated institutions to provide specific degree programs geared towards CG specific rates.</li> <li>• SOC institutions all agree to maximize the number of credits accepted in transfer from other regionally accredited institutions, limit residency requirements to no more than 25% of the undergraduate degree program, award credit as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE) for learning acquired in military service, and award credit for nationally recognized college level testing programs such as CLEP and DSST.</li> <li>• A one-time evaluation of prior learning experiences.</li> <li>• College credit for CG schools and rates and ratings.</li> <li>• A complete degree plan.</li> <li>• Guaranteed course transfer.</li> <li>• A home college to award an Associate or Bachelor's degree</li> </ul>