



# ACES

## Army Continuing Education System

### GET READY, GET SET, GO-GO-GO TO SCHOOL!

Seeking or Pursuing a  
College Degree?  
Have Questions?

The Army Education Center  
hosts school visits.  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Bldg 56, First Floor, Rm. 121

- 14NOV, Kaplan University
- 19NOV, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences
- 21NOV, St. Ambrose U.
- 03DEC, Upper Iowa U.
- 06DEC, Eastern Iowa Community College
- 12DEC, Kaplan University
- 13DEC, Black Hawk College
- 17DEC, Trinity College
- 19DEC, St. Ambrose U.

### Helpful Websites:

RIA ACES:  
<http://www.ria.army.mil/apps/garrisonhr/aces.cfm>

Military Education:  
<http://www.military.com/education>

Credentialing Opportunities:  
[www.cool.army.mil](http://www.cool.army.mil)

Hero 2 Hire:  
[www.H2H.jobs](http://www.H2H.jobs)

VA GI Bill:  
<http://gibill.va.gov/>

AARTS:  
<http://aarts.army.mil/>

Troops to Teachers:  
[www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com)

**The Army Education Center**  
**Bldg 56, First Floor, Rm. 118 Phone:**  
**(309) 782-2065**

### Services Offered Include:

**Professional Academic Counseling:** Establish lifelong education/vocational goals and a plan to attain those goals:

- Group Counseling: Unit, FRG
- In-processing/Out-processing
- GI Bill information, resources and referrals

### Testing Services

- Army Personnel Testing (APT)
- TABE Testing
- CLEP/DANTES Testing

### Multi-Learning Facilities:

 Multimedia computer lab for

- Army correspondence course programs
- NCOES training/Self-development courses
- Online college programs
- Peterson's Online Academic Skills (OASC)

### GoArmyEd

- Tuition Assistance (TA)
- Caps \$250 per SH/\$4500 per FY
- Pays up to 130 undergrad hrs./39 grad hrs.
- Statement of Understanding (SOU)
- Withdrawals/Recoupment/Exceptions to Policy



### National Education Week

By Presidential proclamation, "Education has always been central to ensuring opportunity, and to instilling in all our citizens the defining American values of freedom, equality, and respect for one another."

Our nation's schools can give students the tools, skills, and knowledge to participate fully in our democracy, and to succeed in college, career, and life."

The Rock Island Arsenal U.S. Army Garrison is dedicated to supporting the principles of leadership and workforce development through lifelong learning and continuing education efforts.

## Dantes offers new military-to-civilian transition tool

**This is definitely one "Journey" worth taking.**

Kuder Journey, an assessment tool that helps users determine how their skills can be matched to various occupations, will soon be available to active duty military personnel and service members in transition. Offered through DANTES, the system uses a five-step approach to career and degree planning:

- (1) *Assessments:* What are my interests and skills?
- (2) *Occupations:* How will my skills be useful in the job market?
- (3) *Education and Financial Aid:* What courses and/or training do I need, and how will I pay for them?
- (4) *Job Search Tools:* How to market yourself.
- (5.) *Jobs:* Research employers and job openings.



The site will be available 24/7, and registration is easy.

## States are breaking down licensing barriers



States making it easier for military spouses to 'take their professional licenses with them.'

When working military spouses must relocate, the licenses that many need to do their jobs don't always "move" with them.

But that is changing. In June, First Lady Michelle Obama joined Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn for a signing ceremony of the "Military Family Licensing Act," which facilitates the transfer of military spouses' professional licenses across the country. Illinois is the 23<sup>rd</sup> state to approve the

measure, and Mrs. Obama is calling for all U.S. states to join the cause.

"Every time our country asks (military spouses) to pick up their families and move across the country at a moment's notice, they do it and they do it with pride... so we owe it to these individuals to get this licensing issue right," she stated.

Of working military spouses, one-third are employed in fields that require

licenses, including medical occupations, teaching, social work and other fields.

Getting states to ease the transfer of professional licenses for military spouses is a key issue for the "Joining Forces" campaign Obama started last year with Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden. They've set a goal of having all 50 states ease the burden of accepting military spouses' out-of-state licenses by 2014.

## Get credit for what you already know!

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*CLEP and DSST tests can get you to your degree faster.*

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You can earn that coveted college degree faster by taking CLEP and DSST tests that can award you college credit in over 30 areas of study at thousands of different colleges and universities. The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) exams allow service members, eligible

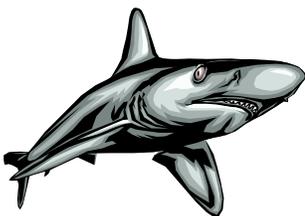
spouses, and even some DoD civilian employees to earn college credit through the exams. In many cases, DANTES covers the soldier's fee for the tests.

CLEP and DSST exams are administered at the on-base National Testing Center, located in Bldg 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 121. Free study materials are available through the

National Testing Center or the Army Education Center. For more information, visit these websites:

<http://clep.collegeboard.org/military>

<http://www.getcollegecredit.com>



Military cracks down on colleges that put profits ahead of student-soldiers.

## Military cracks down on predatory colleges

Some colleges are putting profits above their military students, a practice government officials want to see stopped. President Barack Obama recently signed an Executive Order to ensure all service members, veterans, spouses, and dependents can make more informed deci-

sions about their education. A "Know Before You Owe" fact sheet will create an awareness of any aggressive or deceptive targeting by for-profit institutions. Under the measure, the departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs and Education will establish Principles of Excellence,

which will apply to all institutions receiving federal funds for military students. Rules for access to military installations are being tightened, and soldiers and veterans will be able to lodge complaints against predatory colleges through a centralized system.