

# HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

## Personal & Professional Development Education Office

The **Education Office** offers academic and career advisement to active-duty service members, spouses, dependents, and DoD civilians. Whether you want to get a certificate, associate, bachelor's, or graduate degree, **we can help**. Our mission is to enrich the quality of the entire military community by providing you with a broad range of high-quality personal and professional learning opportunities.

### EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID BENEFITS

**Financial Aid Information:** The Education Office can help you find and apply for scholarships, federal grants, loans, and work-study funds for college from the vocational to graduate level. To apply for FAFSA and scholarships visit [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa). To apply for scholarships and other programs, such as MyCAA (which provides spouse career assistance) visit [mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa](http://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa).

**GI Bill Information:** The Education Office can deliver information about both the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post 9/11 GI Bill through one-on-one counseling sessions. Our education specialists will explain the differences and advantages to each type of GI Bill, how to select the program that best fits your individual needs, and how to apply and use these benefits. Visit [VA.gov](http://VA.gov) or call 1-888-442-4551 to learn more.

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Education Office staff can guide you through degree programs, course offerings, military learning for college credit, tuition assistance, VA benefits, and more. Unsure of your academic or career path? We can assess your strengths and talents to help you find success. Open to active-duty Service members, family members, retirees, and DoD civilians.

### JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPT (JST)

This official document recommends credits for military training in a format that is widely accepted by colleges and universities. To view your JST, log on to [jst.doded.mil](http://jst.doded.mil).

### LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR PROGRAM (LSP)

Pursue your education at highly selective schools after you transition out of the Marine Corps (emphasizing on junior enlisted Marines). Visit [leadershipscholarprogram.com](http://leadershipscholarprogram.com) to learn more.

### MARINE CORPS COOL (CREDENTIALING OPPORTUNITIES ON-LINE)

Explore credentials that are related to your military training and experience. Marines can apply for civilian certification and license funding that is related to their Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs). Get started at [cool.osd.mil/usmc](http://cool.osd.mil/usmc).

### MILITARY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (USMAP)

This registered apprenticeship has structured training programs. Active-duty military members can receive a Department of Labor (DOL) registered Apprenticeship Certificate of Completion or achieve status as a journeyman in their MOS field. This will enhance job skills and show motivation for more challenging military assignments. Learn more at [usmap.osd.mil](http://usmap.osd.mil).

### ONLINE ACADEMIC SKILLS COURSE (OASC)

This program is designed to assist Service members in building their reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. OASC helps you to excel in your job, advance your career, continue your education, and build testing competency. This web-based course can be accessed at [dantes.petersons.com](http://dantes.petersons.com).

### TESTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**Certification Exams:** Different certification exams (CompTIA, Citrix, Novel, and Security) can be viewed at: [home.pearsonvue.com/Military/Test-takers](http://home.pearsonvue.com/Military/Test-takers).

**National Testing Center:** Craven Community College (CCC) gives CLEP, DSST, and GMAT exams. Visit [clep.collegeboard.org](http://clep.collegeboard.org) or [getcollegecredit.com](http://getcollegecredit.com) to schedule an exam.

**MILITARY EMPLOYMENT SKILLS PROGRAM**

Jan 23-Feb 10	Aug 7-25	0730-1630 Craven Community College
Mar 6-24	Sep 11-29	
Apr 17-May 5	Oct 16-Nov 3	
Jun 5-23	Nov 27-Dec 15	
Jul 10-28		

**SKILLBRIDGE**

Jan 9, 23, 30	Jul 10, 17, 24, 31	1000-1100 T&E Building
Feb 6, 13, 27	Aug 7, 14, 21, 28	
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	Sep 11, 18, 25	
Apr 3, 10, 17, 24	Oct 9, 16, 23, 31	
May 1, 8, 15, 22	Nov 6, 13, 20	
Jun 5, 12, 19, 26	Dec 4, 11, 18	

**TESTING SERVICES**

**Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)**

Jan 4, 18	Jul 5, 19	0800-1300 T&E Building
Feb 1, 15	Aug 2, 16, 30	
Mar 1, 15	Sep 13	
Apr 5, 19	Oct 2, 16	
May 3, 17	Nov 9, 23	
Jun 7, 21	Dec 14, 28	

**Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB)  
Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)**

Jan 11, 25	Jul 12	1000-1100 T&E Building
Feb 8, 22	Aug 9, 23	
Mar 8, 29	Sep 6, 20	
Apr 12	Oct 5, 19	
May 10	Nov 9, 23	
Jun 14, 28	Dec 7, 21	

**Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)**

Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Jul 11, 18, 25	1000-1100 T&E Building
Feb 7, 14, 21, 28	Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
Mar 7, 14, 28	Sep 5, 12, 19, 26	
Apr 4, 11, 18, 25	Oct 4, 11, 25	
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
Jun 6, 13, 20, 27	Dec 6, 13, 20, 27	

**TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Jul 11, 18, 25	1000-1100 T&E Building
Feb 7, 14, 21, 28	Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
Mar 7, 14, 28	Sep 5, 12, 19, 26	
Apr 4, 11, 18, 25	Oct 4, 11, 25	
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
Jun 6, 13, 20, 27	Dec 6, 13, 20, 27	

**MILITARY EMPLOYMENT SKILLS PROGRAM**

This three week course will refresh and advance your knowledge and skills in Reading, Grammar and Mathematics. This can help improve work performance and assist in future educational goals. MESP is not an Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT) prep course.

**SKILLBRIDGE**

Learn about the purpose of SkillBridge, the policies and directives set forth by DOD, the responsibilities of the applicant, as well as the application process. Open to all Service members. Register today!

**TESTING SERVICES**

**Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT):** Required when military personnel want to change career fields and do not currently have a qualifying score for the career moves. This test consists of questions in nine different areas: General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Numerical Operations, Auto and Shop Information, Mathematical Knowledge, Mechanical Comprehension, and Electronic Information.

**Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB):** A digital 90 minute test military services use to measure a service member's ability to learn a foreign language.

**Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT):** This 180 minute listening and 180 minute reading test is designed for determining proficiency in foreign languages.

**FAA Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):** This test is for Active-Duty Service Members and Dependents, Retirees, DoD civilians, and DHS civilians. Veterans and DoD contractors are not eligible. To schedule or register for testing at MCAS Cherry Point, visit: [faa.psiexams.com/faa](http://faa.psiexams.com/faa).

**Oral Proficiency Inventory (OPI):** This 20-30 minute one-on-one phone interview between a certified ACTFL tester and the examinee assesses how well a person speaks a language. By appointment only.

**Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE):** This 90 minute, multiple-choice test measures an individual's knowledge of math, reading, and language. This test is used to qualify an active-duty member with an AFCT/ASVAB GT score of 99 or below for Tuition Assistance.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE**

This in-person brief is required for first time tuition assistance users. By appointment only.



**HIGHER EDUCATION ON STATION**

**Craven Community College**

Diplomas, Certificates,  
Associates Degrees  
252-444-8206

**East Carolina University**

Associates, Bachelors,  
Master's Degrees  
252-328-9754

**Park University**

Associates, Bachelors,  
Master's Degrees  
252-466-2655

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