



## Merritt College Counseling Department

Articulation Notes  
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1. **CSU GE Credit For Military Service** Recently became aware that many CSUs offer General Education credit (in Area E, Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development) for basic training in the military service, as documented on DD-214 forms. The CSU GE Advisory Committee recommended “. . . that baccalaureate degree college credit for 'basic training in the military service be accepted on the same basis as credit for physical activity courses: up to 1.5 semester units may be applied to Area E, but Area E may not be completed solely with a combination of physical activity and/or military service credit." Individual CSU campuses are, of course, free to accept DD-214 credit (and to apply it to requirements) more liberally. Here is a partial list of CSUs and what they will accept.

Chico: Clears Area E with the Basic Training documentation off the DD-214 in compliance with the ACE (American Council on Education) recommendation (4 units of credit).

CSUMB: CSU, Monterey Bay clears Area E with a DD-214 and gives up to six units of credit depending on length of service.

CSUSB: CSU, San Bernardino accepts a DD-214 for 6 units in Area E, regardless of length of service.

CSUS: CSU Sacramento allows 4 units of military basic credit in Area E. Students need to submit a copy of their DD-214 document.