

JST enters the “terrific twos” - stand by to see what happens next!

It's been two years since the Joint Services Transcript (JST) was introduced and a lot has happened since then. The numbers are proof positive that Service members are taking advantage of the easy, online request process – 710,285 transcripts have been ordered to date since JST began in FY13. That is a 26 percent increase over the previous four FYs combined! Also, the JST Operations staff continues to make improvements, some of which include:

- » validate course completions on American Council on Education (ACE) exhibit start date versus the end date, when provided by the Services
- » include CLEP re-takes for the same exam for all dates taken

- » update the transcript history tab in the JST portal to show Service members if academic institutions have viewed electronically delivered transcripts
- » move the Certifications/Licensing/Apprenticeship data from the academic institution page to a separate page and standardize the certification listings

Future improvements include:

- » establish report framework for Services to receive online information concerning JST usage
- » add ability for colleges to manage their own users
- » sort transcript request history from newest to oldest

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Joint Services Transcript



Website: <https://jst.doded.mil>
Email: jst@doded.mil

JST Stakeholders Information Session

- **Date:** Thursday, 12 February 2015
- **Time:** 1:00 pm ET
- **Where:** Audiocast Webinar (It's free!)
- **RSVP:** Required online (www.acenet.edu/events)
 - Click on > JST Stakeholders Information Session
- **Participants will:**
 - Learn the JST updates and modifications executed over the past FY
 - Contribute recommendations and enhancement ideas to improve JST functionality

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- » add ACE version number to ACE exhibits on JST
- » add Coast Guard locations (OPFACS) to course completions

If you aren't familiar with the JST, it is an academically accepted document approved by ACE to validate a Service member's military occupational experience and training along with the corresponding ACE college credit recommendations. It includes personal student data, courses, and occupations evaluated by ACE, with descriptions, learning outcomes and equivalent college credit recommendations, and national college-level exam results. Previously, the Services had independent systems that were not standardized in a way that made it easy for colleges and higher learning institutions to award the maximum

ACE recommended credits. Maximizing this credit source can provide Service members with advanced standing in their degree programs at participating colleges. Additional information can be found in ACE's JST Brochure (www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Joint-Services-Transcript-Brochure.aspx).

NOTE: The Air Force continues to make its records available through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

The JST is available at <https://jst.doded.mil> for personal use, or individuals may request, at no charge, that an official copy be sent to accredited colleges and universities.

Upcoming American Council on Education (ACE) events

JST Stakeholders Information Session (February 12, 2015 1:00 p.m. ET)

www.acenet.edu/events/Pages/JST-Stakeholders-Information-Session.aspx

Provides important updates to stakeholders on the Joint Services Transcript (JST), recent changes, and future initiatives impacting the JST. Speakers: Michele Spires, Director of Military Programs, ACE; Dawn Light, Associate Director of Military Programs, ACE; Laurine Anderson, JST Operations; Sharon Beaudoin, DANTES.

ACE CREDIT Virtual Workshops for Employers and Training Providers

For 40 years the American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (CREDIT®) has been connecting workplace learning with colleges and universities by helping students gain access to academic credit for formal training taken outside traditional degree programs. This webinar series is designed to educate program participants CREDIT and covers all aspects of the CREDIT review process from getting started as a new organization; preparing for the Evaluation, virtual or on site; and exploring some of the tools and resources available to participating organizations.

Part I. Getting Started with CREDIT (Feb. 4, 2015 1:00 p.m. ET)

www.acenet.edu/events/Pages/ACE-CREDIT-Virtual-Workshops-for-Employers-and-Training-Providers-1.aspx

Covers the types of evaluation programs offered by CREDIT. Explores how to establish and maintain eligibility to participate in CREDIT programs, the application process, and associated fees.

Part II. The Evaluation Process (Feb. 25, 2015 1:00 p.m. ET)

www.acenet.edu/events/Pages/ACE-CREDIT-Virtual-Workshops-for-Employers-and-Training-Providers-2.aspx

Takes a look at the evaluation process for courses and examinations. Learn what evaluators look for when evaluation training, how to prepare for the evaluation process, and about on site and virtual modalities.

Part III. CREDIT Services: Marketing and Transcript Services (March 18, 2015 1:00 p.m. ET)

www.acenet.edu/events/Pages/ACE-CREDIT-Virtual-Workshops-for-Employers-and-Training-Providers-3.aspx

Examines resources and tools that can assist organizations and constituents.

Part IV. CREDIT Services: College and University Partnerships (April 8, 2015 1:00 p.m. ET)

www.acenet.edu/events/Pages/ACE-CREDIT-Virtual-Workshops-for-Employers-and-Training-Providers-4.aspx

College and University Partnerships (CUP) work to advance greater awareness, acceptance, and application of credit for prior learning as a key element for increasing postsecondary participation and completion. Find out how CUP can assist your organization through the College and University Network, CEAI Resource Center, Regional Liaisons, postsecondary pathways, and other initiatives.

ACE 97th Annual Meeting

www.aceannualmeeting.org/

The American Council on Education's 97th Annual Meeting will be held March 14-17, 2015, at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C.

EXAMINATIONS NEWS

NTCs: Base-sponsored vs. fully-funded

There has been much confusion about base-sponsored and fully-funded National Test Centers (NTCs). DANTES is moving toward fully-funded test sites and will no longer use the term “base-sponsored.” Any NTC that administers CLEP and DSST exams to Service members, whether located on-base or off-base, and agrees to accept the negotiated administrative fee, will be considered a fully-funded test site. To become a fully-funded test site, the institution must agree to accept the negotiated administrative fee and must agree to partner with the testing agencies to provide NTC services.

In addition, all Test Control Officers (TCOs) MUST complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) when an NTC is established on-base. TCOs and Education Service Officers (ESOs) have control over the services delivered at their test center and will continue to ensure that quality exam services are made available to the Service member. The MOU ensures that institutions that administer DANTES-sponsored exams provide the level of service the TCOs and ESOs require to serve their populations. DANTES has a sample MOU available for TCO/ESO use upon request. Once the MOU is completed and signed by the Base Commander and the school representative, it must be forward to DANTES. If a TCO wishes to establish

an NTC on-base, they must notify DANTES and DANTES will notify the testing agencies. The testing agencies will then ensure that all applications and agreements are processed with the institution. Although DANTES does not manage the NTCs, DANTES must remain in the loop concerning all DANTES-sponsored testing operations.

With this change, two types of test sites remain:

1. On-campus (a college/institution that DOES NOT accept the negotiated administrative fee)
2. Fully-funded (an NTC at a college/institution or on a military base in which DANTES pays the administration fee and exam fee).

The NTC Administrator at an NTC located on a military base cannot administer any of the remaining DANTES-sponsored paper-based exams (ACT, SAT, GRE General). These must be administered by the DANTES Test Administrator or TCO/ATCO.

Testing agencies will update their websites to reflect this change and DANTES will update the DANTES Examinations Program Handbook (DEPH) and the online TCO Training course.

For questions concerning this information, contact the DANTES Exams Program Manager (N32) at exams@navy.mil.

Fully-funded program needs more participation!

With the closeout of CLEP and DSST paper-based exams in CONUS, the testing agencies and DANTES have implemented a fully-funded program. This program facilitates the transition of DANTES test sites without National Test Centers (NTCs) in CONUS to 100 percent iBT testing. In addition, the program ensures that a nearby community test center (on-campus NTC) is available to allow Service members to take a CLEP or DSST exam without paying the administrative fee.

DANTES wants more institutions to get involved in this program and encourages bases without NTCs to notify DANTES of any on-campus institution that may be interested in becoming a part of the fully-funded

program. Testing agencies will then reach out to recruit any nearby school for the fully-funded program.

For institutions under the fully-funded program, DANTES will fund both the exam fee and the administrative fee charged by the on-campus NTC for the initial (first time) administration of a CLEP or DSST exam test title to test-takers.

For more information on how to assist on-campus test centers become part of the fully-funded program, contact the DANTES Examinations Program at:

- » DSN 459-1111 ext. 3118
- » COM 850-452-1111 ext. 3118
- » exams@navy.mil



To receive email notification when the DIB is posted to the website, send an email to pubs@navy.mil.

Click [HERE](#) to view archived DIBs.

DANTES PARTNERSHIPS NEWS

SOC updates: DNS and GoArmyEd LOI Institutions

Service members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) has a long history of supporting military students and Veterans and continues this support through a variety of programs and services within the Department of Defense (DoD) contract relationship. Although the SOC Consortium program was dissolved in December, SOC's work efforts continue with other programs and services for the DoD.

One such program is the Degree Network System (DNS). Planned changes include reshaping and expanding the degree programs and course articulations that can help accelerate degree completion for Service members and their family members. Details about the program changes are still under development and will be communicated broadly when final decisions and directions are approved.

The new contract consolidates the DNS by removing Service distinctions (SOCAD, SOCNAV, SOCMAR, and SOCCOAST). Service members now have full access to all associate and bachelor's DNS programs irrespective of the member's branch of Service, based on the institution's current membership type and degree level participation. DNS-2 and DNS-4, colleges that provide associate and bachelor's degrees, respectively, will continue to operate independently of each other.

Current DNS Institutions should continue to meet membership obligations until officially notified of changes, and continue to send Student Agreements to SOC. SOC strongly suggests that no changes be made to publications, procedures or technology until further information is available.

As a reminder, SOC automatically receives Student Agreements for fully-developed degree plans from GoArmyEd Letter of Instruction (LOI) Institutions. GoArmyEd LOI Institutions should send Student Agreements for Drop Down and "Other" degree plans directly to SOC. Similarly, all non-LOI Institutions must send Student Agreements for all new Soldiers.

For more information about the Degree Network System, contact SOC personnel at:

- » 202-667-0079
- » 800-368-5622
- » socmail@ascu.org
- » www.soc.ascu.org



MOU business hours change

The Department of Defense MOU Team business hours of operation have changed.

The new hours are Mon-Fri, 7:00 am to 3:30 p.m. (CST).

For assistance, contact:
• voledconcerns@navy.mil
• 850-452-1111 ext. 3175

EXAMINATIONS NEWS (CON'T)

DSST 2015 program enhancements

The nationally recognized DSST® credit-by-exam program is very effective, but Prometric's goal is to make it even better. That's why they are investing in greater resources to revitalize existing exam content and develop new exams that will be "courses for success" for military members seeking college credits for learning acquired outside the traditional classroom.

This year, Prometric will be busy creating content for new exams that reflect the latest academic studies and fields of knowledge covering the humanities, science, social sciences, global/world cultures, business, mathematics and technology.

In 2014, Prometric created new course content and added the exam "Fundamentals of Cybersecurity" to the DSST family of exams. This exam has been fully evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) and recommended for three upper-division level college credits. The exam covers subject areas including Systems Security, Application Security, Network Security, Governance and much more.

The DSST program allows Test Control Officers (TCOs) to help ensure that deserving Service members have the opportunity to use their knowledge to earn credit towards college degrees.

For more information, click on the Military tab at www.getcollegecredit.com/test_takers.



GETCOLLEGECREDIT.COM

TROOPS TO TEACHERS NEWS

Clark County School District partners with UNLV and TTT to fill teacher vacancies

By Dr. Meghan Stidd, Mountain Pacific Region Associate Region Director

Clark County School District (CCSD) in Las Vegas, Nev., has a critical need for teachers to serve students in a variety of subject areas at all grade levels. CCSD anticipates more than 2,000 teacher vacancies in the 2015-16 school year. To help fill these vacancies, CCSD has partnered with the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) and Troops to Teachers (TTT) to offer TTT participants a unique fast-track teacher certification program.

UNLV is offering a five week institute allowing TTT participants to become licensed K-12 teachers in time for the new school year in August. To qualify for participation in the institute, candidates must meet specific GPA requirements and have a bachelor's degree in an area other than education. If accepted, candidates complete three courses at UNLV and enter a professional development program. Candidates then have three years to complete any remaining coursework and teacher certification exams while working as full time teachers with CCSD. The institute is open to candidates wanting to teach elementary, math, science, English, or special education.

The deadline for entry into the summer program is March 14, 2015. Candidates unable to meet the March 14 deadline can apply for the fall institute with an application deadline of June 1, 2015.

Individuals interested in pursuing the UNLV program in elementary, math, science, or English, contact Jovita Bayuga at 702-895-1540 or tlgrad@unlv.nevada.edu.

Individuals interested in pursuing the UNLV special education program, contact Joseph Morgan at 709-895-3329 or joseph.morgan@unlv.edu.

For additional information regarding the benefits available through the TTT program, contact Sherman Fuller, Lead Recruiter, Mountain Pacific TTT at 800-438-6851 or sfuller@troopstoteachers.net.

CCSD students are in need of qualified teachers who possess the leadership, teamwork skills, technical expertise, and dedication to duty that military veterans have to offer. CCSD and UNLV recognize the unique skillsets of military veterans and are honored to partner with TTT to offer this exciting opportunity to military veterans wanting to transition to a teaching career.



For general information on the TTT program:

» websites:

www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/troops-to-teachers/index.html

www.proudtoserveagain.com/

» email: ttt@navy.mil

» Toll free: (800) 231-6242

» DSN: 459-1320

» Fax: (850) 452-1096

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR



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Recently, many of our Service members have been told that it is time to “go home.” Service draw-downs, Enlisted Review Boards, and Officer Continuation Boards have unfortunately become force shaping tools generating pink slips for thousands of Service members. This, coupled with our nation’s financial difficulties and

unemployment, has many Service members rightly concerned about their futures. All of us possibly know someone we have served with who is experiencing this uncomfortable feeling.

The reality is our Armed Services are reducing personnel in response to congressional mandated budget cuts and targeted reduction of military spending. What can you do to help those Service members you lead? What can you do to help yourself? Hopefully, you are investing your off-duty time in education and credentialing. Doing so enables you to speak from experience and helps set you as an example for others to follow. A college education or credential can help your immediate career and promotion opportunities, and place you in a better position for future civilian vocations.

Don’t know where to start? Take these steps to reach your educational goal:

1. Schedule a visit with an Education Services Officer (ESO) either personally or virtually. Also, do someone a favor; take a buddy or the person you’re mentoring with you.
2. If you are unsure what interests you or what you’re best suited for, make an appointment with an ESO to take an assessment/interest inventory test like Kuder® Journey.
3. If your vocation of interest requires a college degree or credential, seek advice to determine which school programs may best suit you. Request a Joint Services Transcript (JST) reflecting American Council on Education (ACE) recommended military college credit for Service schools and training that could save you time and money.
4. Visit DANTES website (www.dantes.doded.mil) to identify exams you can take (DSST/CLEP) to reduce required credits for school. These tests are provided free to Service members the first time they are taken and can significantly reduce the amount of college credit needed to achieve an education goal.

5. For a refresher on your college math and English, check out the Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) and the College Placement Skills Training (CPST). Both are self-paced and customized to you. These courses are at no cost to Service members and their family members 24/7 at www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantes/.
6. Register for Tuition Assistance. Keep in mind that you must have an approved college plan and that you should choose a school that maximizes DSST/CLEPs and recommended ACE military credits to achieve your degree.

Remember: it’s never too early to start on the path to education success. Get started now!

In closing, this column affords a unique opportunity to reach out to my fellow Service members concerning Voluntary Education and DANTES programs. If there is an opportunity to visit or speak to NCOs, SNCOs, or at events at your military installation--please let me know, I would appreciate an invite. If you have a success story with military Voluntary Education that you would like to share, send it to me and maybe you’ll see it published in this forum. Until next time, contact me at ea@navy.mil. I would enjoy hearing from you.

Correction Notice

There was an error in the January DIB SEA article. Lt. Col. Michael J. Artelli’s CCAF brief was presented to only Chief Master Sgt. Velez, not the entire group.

The DIB Editor apologizes for any confusion that may have arisen due to this error.

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