

Educational institutions report annual tuition charges

The Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) application system has been upgraded with a new tool that automates and streamlines the upload of TA eligible programs and associated tuition rate and fee information. This newest tool is part of the Department's plans to enhance oversight of the educational programs offered to Service members and strengthen the integrity of the DoD Tuition Assistance (TA) program. This initiative also supports the President's Executive Order 13607 and Principles of Excellence call to provide military and Veteran student access to meaningful information on educational institutions, enabling informed choices on schools and education programs. By allowing institutions to submit program-level detail into the MOU application, the application system and annual reporting requirements for TA eligible programs and associated tuition rates and fees will be greatly enhanced.

Institutions

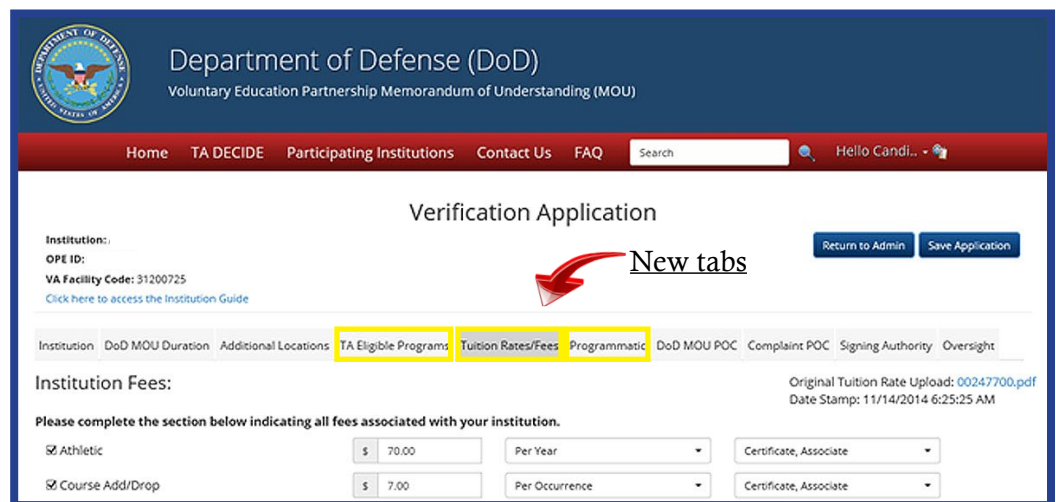
The new tool became effective Oct. 1, 2015, to prospective applicants and over 2,729 educational institutions with an existing DoD MOU. After this date, use of the tool will be

mandatory to renew expiring MOU applications and to update expiring/expired tuition rate documentation. All participating institutions are highly encouraged to complete this process well in advance of such mandatory transitions.

For planning purposes, conversion to the automated tool by all participating institutions is anticipated in spring 2016. Reminder messages will be sent periodically during the fall and after the holidays as the mandatory transition date approaches.

Contact us

For more information, review the DoD MOU Frequently Asked Questions, Latest News, and Resources sections for updates at www.dodmou.com/. For assistance, contact the DoD MOU Team at 850-452-1977 or voledconcerns@navy.mil.



Institution	DoD MOU Duration	Additional Locations	TA Eligible Programs	Tuition Rates/Fees	Programmatic	DoD MOU POC	Complaint POC	Signing Authority	Oversight
Institution Fees:									
Please complete the section below indicating all fees associated with your institution.									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Athletic	\$	70.00	Per Year	Certificate, Associate					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Add/Drop	\$	7.00	Per Occurrence	Certificate, Associate					

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EXAMINATIONS NEWS

DAIMS now available to TCOs!

The DANTES Academic Information Management System (DAIMS) is now live and available for use by currently appointed DANTES Test Control Officers (TCOs). DAIMS replaces the DANTES TCO Portal, allowing access to test site information, Service member exams data, as well as program forms and documents.

Beginning January 2016, the following DAIMS additions will be made:

- » DANTES Interim Test Control Officers (ITCOs), Alternate Test Control Officers (ATCOs), Test Examiners and Counselors will have access
- » DANTES TCOs may obtain volume and pass rate reports for their specific test site and branch of Service
- » the Online TCO Training course will be available

To access DAIMS, currently appointed TCOs must register using their Common Access Card (CAC) at <https://daims.doded.mil>. Once registered, DANTES will activate the account.

Users will receive an email notice, stating their account has been activated, allowing immediate but limited use of DAIMS.

The Exam Reimbursement module is available, providing Service members with a secured reimbursement submission system, including instant eligibility verification and electronic routing for processing.

Direct DAIMS questions to the DANTES Examinations Program at exams@navy.mil.

Attention National Test Center sponsors: DSST platform upgrade coming soon





By Dawn Draper-Jackson, DSST

DSST is making some exciting enhancements to the Internet-based testing platform that will improve the testing experience for Service members while also providing stronger security protocols.

The DSST platform upgrades are necessary to provide a more secure environment for processing, storing and transmitting credit card information, in compliance with stricter Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS). The only impact you will see on your DSST program will be better performance and security. Service members will experience a more intuitive user interface that will offer a better navigation and testing experience. User login and account information won't change.

What should you do now?

Check the Internet browser(s) your test center uses to ensure you have the correct version(s). The below (or later) versions will be supported by the more secure environment. If you currently use a much older version than that listed, go to the browser's homepage to download the newest version.

	Internet Explorer (IE) v10 Microsoft updates IE using its Windows update feature. As long as you regularly install the latest Windows updates, you should have the latest IE version.
	Chrome 25 Google updates automatically as new iterations are released to the public.
	Firefox 20 Mozilla updates automatically and will prompt you when new releases are available to install.
	Safari 5 If you have Apple updates turned on, Safari should stay up to date automatically.

These upgrades represent DSST's ongoing commitment to provide improved, stable and secure services. If you have any questions, email getcollegecredit@prometric.com or call 866-794-3497, Option 1.



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Thinking of Attending College?

TA DECIDE is here to help.



DANTES PERSONNEL NEWS

OTHER VOLED NEWS

Gains:

Teresa Frank, Education Programs Contract Management Department, WAWF/Contract Payments

Teresa Frank accepted the Wide Area Workflow (WAWF) position at DANTES and started Aug. 24, coming from the 479th FTG on NAS Pensacola. Frank retired from the Air Force in 2007 and started her Civil Service career the following year. She worked for the Defense Logistics Agency in two different locations, in addition to NAS Pensacola. She earned an associate degree and is five classes away from her bachelor's degree in Logistics.

Frank has a personal philosophy to guide her, "The more information you have, the more knowledge you gain to becoming powerful in YOUR life."

Beth Hudson, TTT, Finance Officer

Beth Hudson joined the Troops to Teachers (TTT) team June 1. She came from CTW-6 (Commander Training Air Wing 6) at Sherman Field, NAS Pensacola, Fla., after spending 11 years as their Financial Manager. Hudson has 32 years of Navy Civil Service, with 20 of those years spent in accounting and budgeting. With all that experience, along with a marketing bachelor's degree, she is well equipped to manage the TTT finances.

Hudson said, "I'm excited for the change and chance to get some new experience learning about our TTT and VolEd programs."

Welcome to DANTES!

Have a question or a VolEd story to share? Send it to pubs@navy.mil.

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www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=91197

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www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=91252.

Navy Digital Library expands its reach!

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West Fort Hood DFAC, local college provide educational opportunity for Soldier cooks

www.army.mil/article/155477/West_Fort_Hood_DFAC_local_college_provide_educational_opportunity_for_Soldier_cooks/

West Point ranks as the No. 2 public college in the US

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Educational opportunities abound at JSOU

www.dvidshub.net/news/176194/educational-opportunities-abound-jsou#.VgV_yIViko

TTT funds Veterans to pursue teaching career

www.maxwell.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123457885

Section 702 of the Veterans Choice Act

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/702.asp

Jolliff Middle School has a new teacher in its ranks: A 56-year-old Navy retiree

www.hamptonroads.com/2015/09/jolliff-middle-school-has-new-teacher-its-ranks-56yearold-navy-retiree

Northern Arizona University offers in-state tuition to honorably-discharged veterans

www.nau.edu/military-veteran-education/tuition-fees/

TROOPS TO TEACHERS NEWS

Shift in Career and Technical Education creates opportunities to Serve again

By Michael Siegrist, Ph.D., TTT CTE Director Mountain Pacific Region

Today's vocational programs, often referred to as Career and Technical Education (CTE), have seen significant gains in popularity and demand. Career and Technical Education, as we know it, has been evolving and is no longer viewed as a low-level vocational education track that often leads to a low-skill job with no intermediate postsecondary education.

Currently, 14 million students in 1,300 public high schools and 1,700 two-year colleges nationwide take at least one CTE course during their high school years. CTE teachers play a powerful role in preventing students from dropping out by providing a variety of opportunities for postsecondary success and employment. Currently, half of the states across the country have major shortages of CTE teachers, with more shortages expected to result from retirements in the near future.

Recognizing the demand for, and importance of, CTE teachers, Mountain Pacific Troops to Teachers (MPTTT) and The Career Building Academy (TCBA) have developed a mutual hiring agreement. TCBA has four campuses across Colorado and is working exclusively with MPTTT and our troops on their academic and CTE hiring needs. One such hire is Jacob Veith, who spent nine years in the U.S. Army and his last deployment was as an Electronic Warfare Sergeant. Veith now works as the auto instructor for TCBA at the

Colorado Springs campus and the Peyton High School campus. We congratulate him on his new teaching employment.

CTE programs now offer a diverse range of subjects and career fields, including a number of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects. The distinction between CTE and academic programs is slowly disintegrating as federal policies prioritize integrating academic content into CTE.

CTE teachers make up a significant portion of the teaching workforce, approximately 14 percent of the nearly one million middle and high school teachers nationwide. Despite making up less than one fifth of all teachers, CTE teachers are a major influence on the vast majority of secondary students as 94 percent of high school students will earn at least one CTE credit prior to graduation. CTE teachers play a critical role as an indispensable lever for improving students' college and career readiness.

For general information on the TTT program:

» websites:

<http://www.dantes.doded.mil/troops-to-teachers/index.html>

www.proudtoserveagain.com/

» email: ttt@navy.mil

» Toll free: (800) 231-6242

» DSN: 459-1942

» Fax: (850) 452-1960



Pictured left:
U.S. Army Sgt.
Jake Veith on
deployment



Pictured right: Jake Veith
after his successful transition
to the teaching profession



FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR



CMSgt Adalberto Velez
Senior Enlisted Advisor

This month I want to talk about my Sept. 1 trip to the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) at Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., with Demetra King, DANTES Examinations Program Manager. We were there along with a Prometric representative to meet with CCAF and Air Force training management. Prometric owns and administers the DSST

exams and securely delivers over 10 million exams annually throughout the world. Besides myself and Demetra, the meeting was attended by:

- » Lloyd L. Wilson, CCAF Dean
- » CMSgt Andrew Hollis, CCAF Vice Commandant
- » Gwendolyn Ford, Chief Admissions Flight, CCAF
- » David Turner, Director Enrollment Management
- » Irene Lee, Chief Curriculum and Training Flight, CCAF
- » SSgt Tyler Acton, Non Commission Officer in Charge, CCAF Administration
- » Patrick Cheicante, Team Leader Global Account Management, Prometric DSST

Prometric provided a strategic update on the DSST program while identifying opportunities to provide best in class service to members of the U.S. Air Force. This was a great visit, very informative and productive, and I want to pass along what was discussed.

The current line-up of Prometric's DSST exams includes 30+ exam titles in six subject areas covering business, humanities, math, physical science, social sciences, and technology. Exams go through a rigorous build process and require ongoing evaluation to ensure valid content, standard setting and scoring. Exams undergo review by the American Council on Education (ACE), both in person and virtually, on a regular basis. As a result of such reviews, nine exams were republished this past August to align with standard settings: Human Resource Management, Environment and Humanity, Fundamentals of Counseling, Technical



Lloyd Wilson,
Community College of
the Air Force Dean.



Pictured (l-r): Patrick Cheicante, Prometric DSST; Demetra King, DANTES Exams Program Manager; CMSgt Adalberto Velez, DANTES Senior Enlisted Advisor; David Turner, Director Enrollment Management; CMSgt Andrew Hollis, CCAF Vice Commandant; Irene Lee, Chief Curriculum and Training Flight, CCAF.

Writing, Art in the Western World, Human Cultural Geography, Foundations of Education, Lifespan Development Psychology, and Introduction to Law Enforcement.

Together, CCAF, DANTES and DSST are looking closely at exam performance, pass rates, and test takers to align content and program needs for Service members. CCAF recognized the newest DSST exam, Fundamentals of Cybersecurity, which fulfills credit for information technology (IT) requirements. Tactical and strategic plans have been outlined to address any gaps in curriculum, accessibility and test preparation materials.

In 2015, DANTES and Prometric DSST expanded "Fully Funded" testing by 300 percent, allowing Service members more opportunities to test at local colleges and universities off-base.

Test preparation is key to success, and DSST offers a wide variety of materials at www.getcollegecredit.com, including a free mobile app with up-to-date exam outlines and practice tests. Test prep materials are constantly updated and will also be made available through DANTES and CCAF.

This column affords a unique opportunity to reach out to my fellow Service members concerning VolEd and DANTES programs. If there is an opportunity to visit or speak to NCOs, SNCOs or enlisted events at your military installation, please let me know, I would appreciate the invite.

Also, remember, if you have a success story with military VolEd that you would like to share, send it to me and maybe you'll see it published in this forum. My next trip is to Fort Benning. I hope I'll see you at your location. Send me an email at ea@navy.mil. I would enjoy hearing from you. Until next time.

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