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Worldwide Education Support to the Department of Defense

New program aims to improve math, verbal skills of military

Are you wondering if you need to brush up on math and verbal skills to take the next step in your education and career? Do you plan to take a standardized exam or pursue a certificate or degree?

Thanks to a partnership between DANTES and Peterson's, assessing and improving your academic skills is easier than ever through direct access to Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course (OASC).

What is OASC?

OASC is an interactive online course designed for individuals who want to build math and verbal skills, pass exams, advance their careers or continue their education.

Effective immediately, members of all seven branches of the military, as well as their family members, can access OASC through DANTES' Web site, each branch's education Web site and MilitaryOneSource.

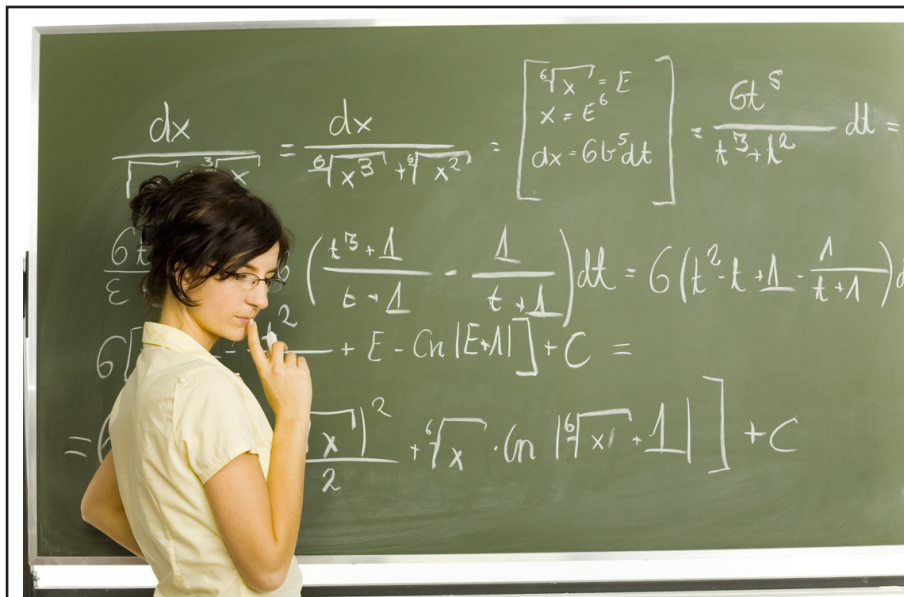
How does OASC work?

When you first log onto OASC, you will be prompted to establish an account and begin your academic skill assessment by taking a Pre-Test. The Pre-Test evaluates current math, reading comprehension, and vocabulary abilities.

Based on the results, a customized set of lessons is built to address individual strengths and weaknesses.

Since the interactive lessons within OASC are built specifically for each participant, users will spend most of their time on areas where skills improvement is needed.

The quizzes and practice questions are targeted to assess users' command of the concepts and skills and how they are progressing through the course.



The program is self-paced, allowing participants to progress at their own comfortable level. Those with less time to study can choose a shortened set of lessons.

Why does OASC work?

OASC uses award-winning learning object technology to deliver lessons with detailed instruction for a specific concept or skill. Each lesson is approximately 20 minutes long and includes interactive exercises and practice questions accompanied by thorough explanations.

To reinforce learning and

continually assess progress on math and verbal concepts, the course allows users to apply their skills in a test-like setting. Participants receive detailed analysis of their performance – based on the results of quizzes, practice questions and flashcard games for vocabulary and math terms.

At the end of the course, users can take a Post-Test that demonstrates their improvement in math and verbal skills, which is excellent preparation getting for the next step in your education and career.

Reporting tools identify needs, demonstrate progress

To maximize the effectiveness of OASC, Peterson's will create administrator accounts at the service branch level and at the installation level to allow administrators to create and view reports for their users.

Administrators will be able to monitor users' performance and progress within the course which makes it possible for them to analyze success rates and better understand where additional resources may be needed. In addition, administrators can monitor the time spent in the

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course and in specific areas both at the individual and at the group level, as well as observe relative performance on Pre-Tests and Post-Tests.

Peterson's will provide training to administrators that will cover course content and structure, as well as evaluation techniques for interpreting administrative reports.

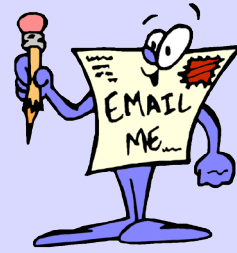
Administrators will also be advised on the benefits of having OASC available both as a self study or a classroom program.

With the self study option, service members can take the course on their own time allowing them to remain in the field and continue to be productive in their place of duty. With the classroom option, administrators have the opportunity to accommodate a larger group within a structured classroom environment.



FYI:

A list of major URLs where OASC will be accessible – We will have this information around Sept. 3, 2009.



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DANTES announces upcoming TCO Workshop schedule

The Test Control Officer (TCO) Workshop is designed to train Department of Defense employees (military and civil service) to administer DANTES-sponsored exams at established DANTES Test Centers.

Eligibility for appointment to a TCO position is determined by DANTES in conjunction with a recommendation from the member's Service Headquarters or Major Command (MACOM).

Military and civilian members must request a seat through their Service

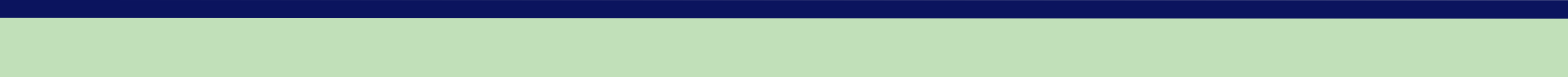
Command Headquarters/MACOM education personnel. Each designated Service Headquarter/MACOM education point of contact will schedule any needed TCO training for their Service member directly with the DANTES Training Manager.

For questions, e-mail dantestraining@navy.mil.

Upcoming workshop dates are:

- 17-19 November 2009
- 2-4 February 2010
- 18-20 May 2010
- 10-12 August 2010

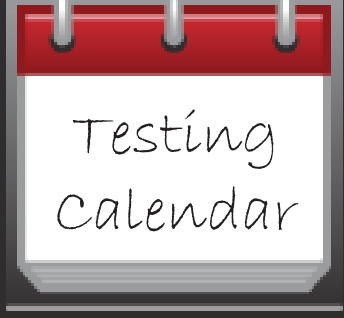




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Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs

DANTES Examinations Program



Testing
Calendar

October 2009

11-17 – GRE Subject*
16 – ECE Extended
Response (essay)

November 2009

5, 10, 12 – ASE (CONUS
and overseas)

December 2009

5 – LSAT (50 U.S. states,
Canada, Caribbean, Europe
and Africa)
6 – LSAT (Asia, Australia
and New Zealand)

Notes:

– *Overseas test sites send orders six weeks before the test date. CONUS test sites send orders four weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.*
– *The ASE registration deadline is Sept. 23.*

*Choose only one day to administer. Submit separate Prometric order forms for GRE Subject and Praxis.

**Saturday Sabbath observers

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