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JST: Turning Military Careers into College Credits

By Erin Roberts, DANTES Public Affairs Specialist

In today's world, Service members are highly skilled multi-taskers with a wealth of knowledge and experience. The Joint Services Transcript (JST) capitalizes on that knowledge and experience by providing an important tool to help Service members build on their professional development and to prepare for their next steps after serving. It is common practice for education centers or academic institutions to discuss the JST

with Service members seeking education opportunities. The recommended college credit on the JST documents occupational experience and training, helps to complete post-secondary degree requirements, and can serve as a guide for developing resumes or career portfolios. Given its importance, education personnel need to be able to understand basic program features.

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Program Basics

The Military Evaluations Program, sponsored by DANTES on behalf of the military services, contracts with the American Council on Education (ACE) to evaluate military training and occupational experiences for Service members in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Air Force personnel who attend training offered by the Department of Defense (DoD) and/or another branch of service are eligible to receive a JST if the training was ACE evaluated. The transcript itself is generated, maintained and delivered by the JST Operations Center. Here are a few numbers to consider from last year:

- 1.8+ million transcripts were viewed by Service members and veterans
- Over 500,000 transcripts were ordered
- Half of the transcripts ordered were for reservists, guardsman, and veterans
- Army ordered the most transcripts; followed by the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard

Credit Usage

ACE military evaluators are highly qualified post-secondary education faculty members from across the country who award college credit recommendations, at the highest appropriate level (vocational, lower, upper, or graduate). Academic

institutions are able to use the credit recommendations on the JST within their alternative credit acceptance policies and practices. ACE credit recommendations can be used to:

- Replace a required course
- As an optional course within the major
- As a general elective
- Meet basic degree requirements
- Waive a prerequisite

In certain cases, the learning of some Service members may exceed the skills, competencies, and knowledge evaluated for a specific course or occupation. In these cases, schools may wish to conduct further assessment and award additional credit.

For more information on the JST, visit the program homepage at <https://jst.doded.mil>. Schools interested in establishing an account to view and order transcripts online should visit <https://jst.doded.mil/institution.html>.

For more information on the Military Evaluation Program, the review process, resources to help schools, and more, visit <http://www.acenet.edu/higher-education/topics/Pages/Military-Evaluations.aspx>. 

140911-N-NU281-008 NAVAL STATION NORFOLK (Sept. 11, 2014). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Justin R. Pacheco/Released), <http://www.nsnbg.com/editorial-content/education/>



Top 5 JST Q&A

Each year the JST Operations Center, the American Council on Education, and DANTES personnel receive many questions from Service members. The following questions and answers can help education counselors answer the most frequently asked questions.

Q1: Where do I access and print my JST?

A1: Members need to register for a JST account online @ <https://jst.doded.mil/>. Members are able to view and print unofficial transcripts directly from the registered account. If they are unable to register, go to <https://jst.doded.mil/faq.html> for more information. Official transcripts may be ordered here as well.

Air Force members, who have attended joint service training opportunities, should first check to see if the training is ACE evaluated by going to <http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx>. If the training is ACE evaluated, an education counselor or the member may email jst@doded.mil to process the JST transcript request. If a member's career and training consists solely of Air Force information, they should contact CCAF at www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp.

Q2: I have course or training information missing from my JST, what should I do?

A2: Each service has a detailed process for corrections and updates to the JST, the member should go to <https://jst.doded.mil/correction.html> for

their service's guidance. Members can also process a query and upload documents from their registered account for a faster response.

Q3: How do I have my official transcript sent to a school?

A3: Members should log into their JST account and click the "Transcript" link at the top of the page. On the "Transcripts" menu, click the "Official Transcript Request." On the next page, search for the school and select the institution from the list. Select the institution in the search results. Be sure to verify spelling and location are correct. On the next page, acknowledge the consent statement and click "Yes."

If the school is not listed, members can have their school representative email JST personnel and request their school be added. Send email to jst@doded.mil

Q4: Is there a limit to the number of official transcripts I can have sent out?

A4: The delivery method determines how many transcripts can be ordered and sent out. If the delivery method is electronic, there is no limit. Note that Army and National Guard can only send transcripts to institutes that have electronic delivery. If the delivery method is U.S. Postal Service (USPS), only two transcripts can be ordered within a 30 day period, due to the cost associated with generating and mailing.

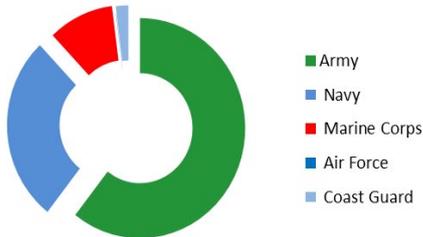
Q5: My school isn't taking some credits from my JST. What are my options?

A5: It is up to each institution to decide whether the JST/ACE recommendations are accepted, modified or rejected. Students can ask their school if they offer challenge exams, portfolio assessments, CLEP/DSST testing, and/or competency based classes as options to assess and validate the member's previous experience. 🎓



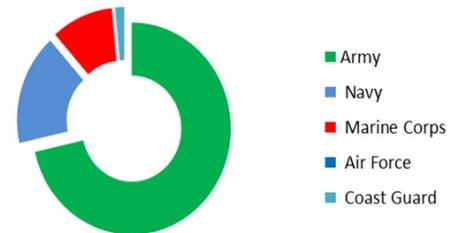
How Many Service Members Used JST Last Year?

More than 2 Million Views of the JST



*Air Force had 851 views

More than 570,000 Transcripts Sent to Schools



*Air Force had 851 transcripts sent

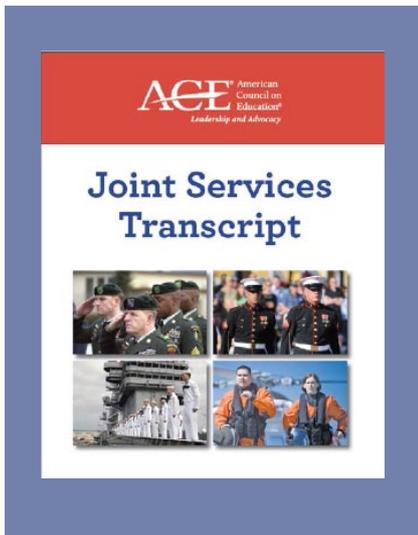
Counselor Tools & Resources

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JST Brochures - The online ordering for this year is CLOSED. The JST Brochure (Stock #2128) is now online only at: <http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Documents/Joint-Services-Transcript-Brochure.pdf>

Need Graphics for Your Outreach?

Education and family support center personnel, career counselors, and transition advisors can email us to request copies of graphics for DANTES sponsored programs at dantes@navy.mil.



Videos - Check out JST videos on our DANTES website or YouTube Channel. <http://www.dantes.doded.mil/multimedia/index.html> Also, check out: <http://www.jointservicetranscript.com/>

JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Your military service can earn you college credit.
- Every class you don't have to take is money in your pocket.
- Earning credit for knowledge you already have gets you closer to graduation.
- Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are all eligible.

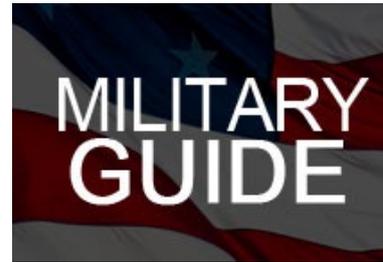
5 REASONS TO GET YOUR JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPT

- PAY NOTHING:** Electronic copies of JSTs are FREE!
- KNOW YOUR OPTIONS:** More than 2,300 colleges and universities accept the JST.
- BE READY FOR THE REAL WORLD:** The JST helps you build a resume that will be useful in the civilian job market.
- SAVE MONEY:** The fewer classes you have to take, the less tuition you have to pay.
- SAVE TIME:** The credits awarded for your JST represent time you don't have to spend in a classroom.

Evaluation of Career/Training Experiences in the Armed Services

The American Council on Education (ACE) Military Guide present credit recommendations for formal courses and occupations offered by all branches of the military and the DoD. These credit recommendations appear on the Service member's Joint Services Transcript (JST).

All recommendations are based on ACE reviews conducted by college and university faculty members, who are actively teaching in the areas they review.



The Military Guide includes all evaluated courses and occupations from 1954 to the present. New courses and occupations are continually being evaluated by ACE, and these entries are added on a daily basis. We recommend having the Service member use this guide first to search courses and occupations to see if their training is listed. For more information, click on the Military Guide graphic above or go to: <http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx>

Click below to see the new Course Exhibit sample online!

2015 Sample Course Exhibit (This sample applies to courses reviewed after October 1, 2015.)

AR-1406-0251¹ v3²

Title:³ ARMY NATIONAL GUARD NON-CAREER RECRUITER

Course Number:⁴ 805B-SQ4.

Location:⁵ NGB Retention and Recruiting Center, North Little Rock, AR.

Length:⁶ 5 weeks (224 hours).

Exhibit Dates:⁷ 10/13–Present.

Overall Course Description:⁸ This course provides students with an overview of how to design and carry out various staffing activities effectively within labor market and legal and policy constraints. The focus is on staffing activities, including recruitment (whom to recruit, where and when to recruit, and how to recruit); selection (whom to hire and why); and placement (in which jobs, at what time, and in what career progressions).

Instructional Strategies:⁹ Methods of instruction include audiovisual materials, classroom exercises, discussion, learner presentations, lecture, and practical exercises.

Methods of Assessment:¹⁰ Methods of assessment include case studies, presentations, and rubrics.

Minimum Passing Score:¹¹ 80%

Credit Recommendation:¹² In the upper-division baccalaureate degree category, 3 semester hours in staffing and recruitment and 3 in personal selling and sales management (10/15)¹³(10/15)¹⁴.

Learning Outcomes:¹⁵

Staffing And Recruitment

The student will be able to discuss the personnel staffing function including legal, policy and practical issues in the employee selection and placement process; identify recruitment sources and techniques/strategies for the design of effective recruitment aids; describe how to use a systematic manpower planning system to administer the recruitment and retention of personnel; discuss how to screen applicants using application forms; demonstrate interviewing skills using various in-person techniques; employ a target market area analysis; identify financial programs for procurement; and demonstrate ethical understanding and reasoning abilities, including an understanding of the ethical responsibilities of recruiters, by evaluating possible solutions to ethical dilemmas.

Personal Selling And Sales Management

The student will be able to develop an effective sales presentation focused on the needs of the consumer; describe, develop, and demonstrate effective sales techniques; describe and explain effective sales management behaviors; develop and demonstrate competency in professional selling approaches, conversations and presentations, and sales management techniques; and describe and explain creating value in the buyer-seller relationship, prospecting, sales call planning, communicating the message, negotiating for win-win solutions, and closing the sale.

- 1 ACE ID number. All course ID numbers have two-letter codes that identify the service: AR is Army, NV is Navy, MC is Marine Corps, AF is Air Force, CG is Coast Guard.
- 2 This is the version number for this course. See the exhibit dates below for the dates covered by this version.
- 3 Military course title.
- 4 Military course number used by the service school.
- 5 Location of the service school, installation and state where the course is taught.
- 6 The weeks indicate the length of the course and the hours in parentheses show the contact hours with instructors.
- 7 These are the dates that apply to this version. Use the version that corresponds to the date the student started the course.
- 8 The overall course description describes the mission/objective of the course and summarizes the major foundational topics in the course.
- 9 This section describes the methods of instruction used in the course.
- 10 Methods of assessment show the tools used to test the students' mastery of the topics taught in the course.
- 11 This is the minimum score a student needs to pass the course.
- 12 The credit recommendation identifies the proposed course subject area, academic level, and semester hours.
- 13 The first date is the date the course was evaluated by a team of faculty reviewers. Team reviews must occur at least every 10 years.
- 14 The second date is the date the course was last reviewed by ACE staff. Administrative reviews are done when there are minor changes to course content.
- 15 Learning outcomes are connected to the credit recommendations and describe what the student is expected to know, understand or be able to demonstrate at the end of the course.

Points of Contact

Army and National Guard:

E-Mail: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-jst@mail.mil

Toll Free: 1.888.276.9472

If members institute is not listed they should use the following form: https://jst.doded.mil/JST_Army.pdf

**Coast Guard
USCG Institute**

E-Mail: CGI-PF-ed_transcripts@uscg.mil

Fax: 405.954.7249

If official transcript goes to a future employer, a program manager, or to a special college program, complete the special mailing form. https://jst.doded.mil/JST_CG.pdf

Marine Corps

JST Technology Operations Center

E-Mail: jst@doded.mil

Comm Fax: 850.473.6013 DSN Fax: 753.6013

Problems ordering online, use the form located at:

https://jst.doded.mil/JST_SPEC.pdf

Navy

JST Technology Operations Center

E-Mail: jst@doded.mil

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https://jst.doded.mil/JST_REQ_NAVY.pdf

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Hot News

CLEP Unify Testing Platform

Beginning this month and continuing through December 2016, CLEP test centers will be migrated from the current iBT platform to "Unify," a modernized version of the iBT test administration software. Unify leverages recent technology advances to make it more secure, resilient and easier to support. Over the next four months, National Test Centers at colleges and universities and at military installations will be contacted to schedule their migration date. For more details on Unify, visit the CLEP website, <https://clep.collegeboard.org/clep-ibt-upgrade>.

NEW DSST Content Now Available

Ten DSST exams have been updated to include new content such as test questions and content outlines. Two of those exams have had title changes to better reflect exam content; Health & Human Development (Formerly Here's to Your Health) and History of the Soviet Union (Formerly The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union). New exam content is available now

for the following titles: Ethics in America, Introduction to Business, Introduction to World Religions, Management Information Systems, Money & Banking, Principles of Supervision, Personal Finance and Substance Abuse.

Second Chances and Exam Changes

Starting April 18, 2016, eligible Service members who do not pass their first exam are eligible for one free retake. The Principles of Public Speaking exam is not allowed under this promotion. Students are able to take advantage of this promotion by providing a voucher code at the time of retest. The voucher code will be sent to students via email 1-2 days after taking the exam.

Students are able to take advantage of the promotion until May 31, 2016. As part of this limited time promotional offer, Prometric has reduced the standard wait period to retake a DSST exam from 90-days to 30-days beginning April 18, 2016. Voucher codes must be redeemed by August 1, 2016.

Service members deserve a second chance to be successful with taking their DSST exams! Share this news with them today! 🎓



Spoiler Alert: In next month's DIB, DANTES Director talks about future initiatives!

Troops to Teachers (TTT) is a DANTES-managed Department of Defense program that can help Veterans begin a new career as a public school teacher – giving them the opportunity to use their leadership skills, knowledge and experience to have a positive effect on our nation’s youth. For more information on the Troops to Teachers program, visit www.proudtoserveagain.com.



Gunnery Sergeant to Ph.D., Administrator

By Kimberly Hiebert in cooperation with Dr. Ascencion Gomez

Gunnery Sergeant, USMC Ret. and Troops to Teachers participant, Dr. Ascencion Gomez, Academic Resource Teacher, at Oscar Smith Middle School, joined the Marine Corps just after Vietnam in 1975. He received orders to drill instructor school and after graduation became one of the youngest members to have earned the title of Drill Instructor at 20 years old. After several deployments and tours, he was assigned to the position of CH-53 Detachment Chief Instructor, where he earned the designation of Master Training Specialist. Knowing the importance of planning for retirement and furthering his education while in service proved valuable. “As an instructor, I learned the importance of education and earned two master’s degrees to accompany my Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management,” beams Gomez.

Gomez knew his passion was teaching. In preparing for transition to retirement, “I contacted the Troops to Teachers program about teacher certification. The

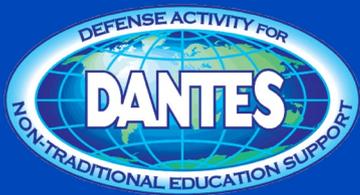
information provided by Troops to Teachers convinced me that I could put my Marine Corps experience and leadership skills to good work as a teacher. I certified through the Virginia’s alternate licensing program, which is the most difficult way to earn a Virginia teaching license. My first teaching assignment was at Onancock Learning Center, as an alternative education teacher. I was responsible for developing a curriculum to teach high school aged students who were on parole or probation. I left after a year and was hired by Chesapeake Public School System as Oscar Smith Middle School’s Academic Resource Teacher. I have been a faculty member and the Academic Resource teacher at Oscar Smith Middle School for the past 18 years.”

Oscar Smith Middle School’s mission is to provide diverse instructional, social, physical and cultural opportunities. Gomez proudly speaks of his own diverse cultural background, “My father was born in Mexico on a Mexican reservation and was a Spanish speaking Apache.

I got hit with Native blood on both sides...My mother was half Cherokee from North Carolina and her father was Cherokee and Blackfoot... not to mention my wife is Irish, Blackfoot and Black.”

In 2012, Oscar Smith Middle School received the MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Breakthrough School Program. The Breakthrough School Program recognizes five middle schools and five high schools that are high achieving or are dramatically improving student achievement and serve large numbers of students living in poverty.

Wanting to further his education, he earned a Doctor of Strategic Leadership degree (DSL) with a concentration in Leadership Coaching. “Besides assisting in qualifying as a public school teacher, the Troops to Teachers program opened other doors by laying the foundation as a stepping stone to teaching at all levels of education,” ends Gomez. 🎓



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