Military Training Credit

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The system is engaged in partnerships and opportunities to serve veterans.
Military Training Counts (MTC)

Joint initiative founded by:
- Illinois Board of Higher Education
- Illinois Community College Board
- Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- MyCreditsTransfer

Purpose:
- Help ensure veteran/military students are granted appropriate academic credit (amount and type) for military learning experiences
- Encourage and support Illinois colleges and universities in efforts to develop specific military articulations as appropriate
- Utilize the online transfer advising tool, Transferology, to display institutional credit awarded for military training.
- Increase rate of college completion among military and veteran students
Military Training Counts

• IJF initiative to ensure veteran and military students receive appropriate academic credit for the education, skills and experience earned in the military

• Partners include:
  – Department of Veterans Affairs
  – Illinois education agencies
  – My Credits Transfer Illinois
  – Illinois higher education institutions
Key Components

Acquisition & Effective Communication of Information
– Obtain current, sufficiently in-depth information on military training

Articulation of Military Training by Higher Ed Institutions
– Determine military/veteran programming most likely to correlate to certificate/vocational programs and Associate/Baccalaureate degrees
– Articulate military training to higher education courses
Community colleges identified popular programs of study among military & veteran students for potential development of articulations:

- Fire Science
- Criminal Justice
- Network Administration
- Network Security
- Automotive
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Electronics Repairs
Military Training and Career Fields

IDVA identified popular military career fields aligning with the identified programs of study:

- Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
- Computer Support Specialists/Operators
- Computer Security Specialists
- Electrical and Electronics Repairs
- Supply & Logistics Support

IDVA obtained Department of Defense approval, collected and distributed military “Point of Instruction” (POI) documents to the participating pilot study institutions in order to aid in articulation development.
Pilot Study- Participating Institutions

IDVA Identified Pilot Study Participants:
– College of DuPage
– College of Lake County
– Kaskaskia College
– Heartland Community College
– Moraine Valley Community College
– Southern Illinois University Carbondale
– Southwestern Illinois College
– University of Illinois
Military Training Counts

• Phase 1
  – College of DuPage
  – College of Lake County
  – Moraine Valley
  – Southwestern

• Phase 2
  – Kaskaskia
  – Heartland
Federal Priority - Licensure

Key:

Civilian licensing requirements differ from military requirements
Licensure Bridges

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Police Patrol Officers
- Emergency Medical Technician – Basic
Veterans in Illinois
# Illinois Veteran Demographics

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Key Facts - Illinois

- 10\textsuperscript{th} largest Veteran population in US
- 53,171 Post 9/11 Vets in the state.
- 22,000 National Guard deployed since 9/11

Future Veterans

- 35,000 new vets to Illinois between 2013-17
- Women vets = fastest growing demographic
  - Currently 67,638; 9.0\% overall, 15\% by 2035
Key Facts - Employment Issues

- IL unemployment rate for Veterans aged 18 years & older: 9.2% in 2013 (unchanged from 2012); non-vet is 8.6%
- Vet State Unemployment:
  IL 9.2%, IN 6.7%, IA 3.4%, KY 7.0%, MO 6.1%, WI 7.6%
- Young Veterans (ages 18-24, 5% of vet pop.) struggle:
  21.4% (male 24.3%, female 14.3%)
- Post-9/11 Veterans (34% of vet pop.):
  unemployment is 9.0% (male 8.8%, female 9.6%)
- Veterans (ages 25-34 25% of vet pop.):
  unemployment is 9.1% (male 8.9%, female 9.8%)
### Key Facts – Education Benefits Usage

- Fall 2014 IVG Usage: 7,516
- Fall 2014 Illinois National Guard Grant Usage: 1,855
- Federal Veterans Education Benefits Usage (September 2014)
  
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**Total:** 16,323

Another 500+ veterans enrolled in flight, apprenticeship and OJT programs each month in Illinois.
Military Training/Professional Licensing Standards

February 6, 2013, Governor Pat Quinn issued an Executive Order 13-02 that tasks state agencies to

(1) identify overlaps and gaps between military training and state licenses, and
(2) propose recommendations by which assessment processes can be implemented that allow such training and education to be considered for purposes of state licensure requirements.

IDVA is honored with the task of leading and coordinating implementation of the Executive Order. As a part of the effort to

(1) assist educational institutions in building and obtaining approval for gap-bridging programs, and
(2) aid veterans in identifying outstanding requirements for particular state licenses.
CAEL Study on PLA Degree Completion

**Figure 1. Degree Completion by PLA Credit-earning for All Students**

- **Did not earn degree or credential (n=46,881):**
  - 78%
- **Earned Bachelor's Degree (n=15,594):**
  - 43%
- **Earned Associate's Degree:**
  - 13%
Military Training/ Professional Licensing Standards

• The following military occupational specialties are in process of being assessed by Illinois licensing authorities:
  – Dental Hygienist
  – Pharmacy Technician
  – Physical Therapy Assistant

• The following military occupational specialties were not deemed relevant by Illinois licensing authorities:
  – Pharmacist
  – Optometrist
Higher Education Veterans Service Act

• Addresses needs of veterans and active duty personnel in finding education benefits and services
• Requires institutions to complete survey of available services and programs
• Requires a Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services position
• Creates expectation of enhanced programs and services
Collaborative Partners

- Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Department of Employment Security
- Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard)
- Illinois Office of the Fire Marshal
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Military Training Equivalencies

1. Military Medics to Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
2. Military Medics to First Responders (EMR)
3. Army Medics to Emergency Medical Technicians Basic (EMT-B)
4. Educational Waivers
   a) Illinois State Police and the Illinois Conservation Police
   b) Educational Waiver for Municipal Police and Firefighters
5. Commercial Driver’s License (Military Skills Test Waiver Program)
6. Police Academy Intern Program at Southwestern Illinois College
7. Firefighter Certification
Community College Spotlight
Program Articulations Reviewed

DuPage
- Criminal Justice
- Fire Science
- Automotive Technology

Heartland
- Electrical and Electronics Repair
- Computer Support

Kaskaskia
- Network Administration
- Automotive Technology
- Truck Driver Training
- Criminal Justice

Lake County
- Criminal Justice
- Automotive Technology
- Network Administration and Security
- Nursing
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician

Southwestern
- Electrical and Electronics Repair
Southwestern Illinois College
Military Police Academy

This program has been developed in response to law enforcement administrators seeking a pool of trained and certified candidates available for service. It is ideal for veterans seeking a career in law enforcement.

Successful Intern applicants attend a basic law enforcement training academy and, upon passing the State Certification examination, will receive ILETSB State Certification. Veterans are able to complete the program in 10 weeks.
Electronics Technician Apprentice Technical Training

- Veteran students who served in the Navy and received training as an Electronics Technician Apprentice Technical will receive 31 credits for the following courses:
  - EET 101 - Intro to Electricity and Electronics (3 hours)
  - EET 111 - Electrical Circuits (3 hours)
  - EET 121 - Electronic Devices and Circuits (4 hours)
  - EET 200 - Digital Electronic Circuits (3 hours)
  - EET 205 - Digital Electronic Circuits II (4 hours)
  - EET 210 - Introduction to Microprocessors (4 hours)
  - EET 240 - AC/DC Motors & Generators (4 hours)
  - EET 260 - Communication Electronics I (3 hours)
  - EET 250 - Microcomputer Maintenance-Beginning (3 hours)
Military Medical Corpsman to LPN Program

• Beginning in March 2015, Joliet Junior College (JJC), College of DuPage (COD), and Illinois Central College (ICC) in Illinois will offer an eight-week Military Medical Corpsman to Practical Nurse certificate program, which will allow former military medics to become licensed practical nurses (LPN).

• Upon successful program completion, veteran students will be awarded a practical nurse certificate and may apply for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse by successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).
Knowledge Operations Management Journeyman

• Veteran students who served in the Air Force and received training as an operations management journeyman will be granted 8 credits for the following courses:
  – CITA 150 - Computer App & Busn System Concepts (4 hours)
  – CITA 151 - Intro to Computer Applications (4 hours)
Information Systems Operator-Analyst

Veteran students who served in the Army and received training as an Information Systems Operator-Analyst will receive 15 credits for the following courses:

- ELT 151 - PC Hardware Fundamentals (3 hours)
- BUS 115 - Elements of Supervision (3 hours)
- CIT 120 - Introduction to Computers (3 hours)
- CIT 150 - Introduction to Local Area Networking (3 hours)
- CIT 199 – Computer Information Technology elective credit
QUESTIONS