

Counseling

Counselors are available to assist Soldiers with college and career counseling. Soldiers enrolling in college for the first time, or who have questions, should see an Education Counselor before enrolling in classes or scheduling tests. It is best to bring a copy of transcripts of previous college work you completed before you joined the Army to your first counselor visit. Start in Room 150, M, T, Th, F, 0900-1600 (**CLOSED Wednesdays**).

Taking Tests

A test referral card is needed for all DANTES testing. In some cases tests are free for Soldiers. Go to Room 150; you may need to see a counselor. Testing questions?

Call (719) 526-8072, or e-mail:

usarmy.carson.imcom.mbx.dlpt-testing@mail.mil

Non-Army Personnel Tests available:

American College Testing (ACT)[†]
College Level Examination Program --
(CLEP)/DSST*
General Education Diploma (GED)*
GRE/GMAT*[†]
Pre-GT
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)[†]
Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)
PRAXIS I & II*

* = Administered at local National Test Centers

† = DANTES one-time reimbursement available

Army Personnel Tests (APT):

(NOTE: A DA Form 4187 and appointment are needed; visit Room 150)

American Language Course Placement Test
(ALCPT)
Basic Math & Science (BMST)
Selection Instrument for Flight Training (SIFT)
Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)
Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB)
Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)
Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

On-Duty Programs

The on-duty programs are a good place to start if you want to raise your *GT score*. The BSEP and GT-Prep courses need

the Commander's approval. Classes begin every Monday. A TABE test is required before enrollment -- go to Room 150 to get a test card. Once you have the test results, you must see an Education Counselor to enroll.

Basic Skill Education Program (BSEP):

Reading and math computer-based programs with instructors to answer questions and help students; 6-week enrollment, M-Th, 0900-1200 or 1300-1600. Classes held in Bldg 1011, Rm 111. Phone (719) 526-8039.

GT Prep & Learning Resource Center (LRC):

Get ready to retake the AFCT by enrolling in GT Prep. Instructors are available and classes are 4 weeks long, M-Th, 0900-1200 or 1300-1600. Bldg 1011, Rm 111. Phone (719) 526-3971.

Computer Lab and MOS Library: Need a computer to access AKO or complete training? Our lab has 50 computers for use. Open M-F, 0800-1700, Room 216. Phone (719) 526-8077.

College Classes

There are four academic institutions on Fort Carson that hold classes in the Education Center. Terms are 7-10 weeks in length. Soldiers and Family Members can save money by attending classes on Fort Carson. On-post colleges understand Army Tuition Assistance and GoArmyEd procedures and provide one-stop services. TA can be used for associate, bachelor, graduate degrees (not a Doctorate), and / or a certificate. **Stop here first and talk with these schools before going off-post.**

On-Post Colleges

PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
<http://www.ppcc.edu> Room 118, M-TH, 0800-1700; F, 0900-1700 Phone (719) 502-4200 or (888) 645-7764
mvp@ppcc.edu

COLORADO STATE UNIV-PUEBLO

<http://www.csupueblo.edu>
Room 105, M-F, 0730-1130 and 1230-1630
Phone (719) 526-2509
brittany.harbuck@csupueblo.edu

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT COLORADO SPRINGS

<http://www.uccs.edu> Room 109, M-TH, 0830-1530; F, 0830-1200 Phone (719) 526-8066
ftcarson@uccs.edu

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIV

<http://www.erau.edu>
Rooms 106 & 107, M-TH, 0800-1700; F, 0800-1200 Phone (719) 526-3387 or (719) 576-6858
coloradosprings@erau.edu

Off-Post Colleges

Several off-post colleges also hold office hours throughout the week in the Education Center. Visit these schools (see posted schedule, Room 125) before going off-post.

Colorado Christian University
Colorado Technical University
 DeVry University
National American University
Regis University
Webster University

NOTE: Fort Carson Education Center--assigned Soldiers who are first-time college attendees must attend College 101 at the Education Center before being eligible to receive TA. Choose a 1-hour session: T or TH, 0900 in the Education Center, Rm. 150.

Paying For College

In-State Tuition Rates

Soldiers and their Family Members stationed in Colorado on a permanent change of duty status, as certified by the Education Center, qualify for resident tuition rates at all Colorado state-supported colleges and universities. Once you have been accepted by a college, Soldiers and Family Members are certified in Room 150 (exception: Pikes Peak Community College students are certified by the college at their Education Center office, Room 118). Family Members must present their military ID card (sponsor need not be present). You must be certified before classes begin!

Federal Financial Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you need assistance with the application process, stop by Room 104 to speak with the TRiO Representative on M, T, TH and F 0900-1500; and W 0900-1500 (by appointment), or call (719) 526-6818 during their office hours or (719) 502-3028 for an appointment.

GoArmyEd

GoArmyEd is the virtual gateway for all eligible Active Duty, National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers to request Tuition Assistance (TA) online, anytime, anywhere for classroom and distance learning. It allows Soldiers to manage their education records including college classes, testing, on-duty classes, and Army Education Counselor support.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR ACTIVE DUTY AND AGR

TA pays 100% of tuition costs **up to** \$250 per semester hour (SH) or \$166.67 per quarter hour. Unfortunately, TA does not cover books or any fees. TA limits:

- 16 SH-equivalent limit per Fiscal Year
- 130 SH limit for undergraduate level work; 39 SH limit towards a Master's degree
- Up to 21 SH to earn one Transition Certificate, **if** previous certificate not obtained in the past 5 years.
- Soldiers are not eligible for TA until they complete their first year of military service after graduating from AIT, OCS, or BOLC; must have more than 10 years of service for a graduate degree if TA paid for any portion of your undergraduate degree

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GI Bill Information Available

MONTGOMERY GI BILL CH 30 (MGIB) AND

THE POST-9/11 GI BILL CH 33 (For individuals who served on active duty on or after 11 September 2001.)

A briefing explaining these GI Bill programs is held on Thursdays from 1000-1100 -- visit Room 150 at least 15 minutes prior to sign-in. You will also learn how to transfer your Post 9/11 benefits to your Family Members.

TA Top-Up Program (PL 106-398) allows the use of GI Bill in conjunction with Tuition Assistance. Please see an Education Counselor for more information. Visit Room 150 to sign-in.

Visit www.gibill.va.gov for more information.

Other Information

AMEDD: E-mail: AECF@usarec.army.mil

First Duty-Station “Soldier for Life” In-Processing Brief: F, 1000 – 1200. *First-duty station Soldiers will be tasked to attend by their units.*

GoArmyEd Help Desk: 1-800-817-9990

Green-To-Gold briefing: Held twice every month at 1200 at the Education Center (Rm 150); for dates call (719) 526-2124. For Green-to-Gold program-specific info call: (719) 255-3475.

PA School: <http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa>

ROTC (UCCS): (719) 255-3520

Troops to Teachers info:
<http://www.proudtoserveagain.com/>

VA: <http://www.gibill.va.gov> or call (888) 442-4551

Warrant Officer Info: <http://gowarrantnow.com>

Education Services Guide



Fort Carson Education Center

1675 Long Street Bldg 1117

Fort Carson CO 80913

(719) 526-2124

Hours of Operation

Reception / Admin., (Rm 150)

M, T, Th, F, 0730-1630

Counseling (Rm 150)

(Walk-in only; no appointments)

M, T, Th, F, 0900-1600

Closed Wednesdays

Computer Lab (Rm 216)

M-F, 0800-1700

Testing (Rm 217)

M, T, F, 0730-1130 and 1230-1630

W, 1230-1630

Th, 0730-1115 and 1215-1630