

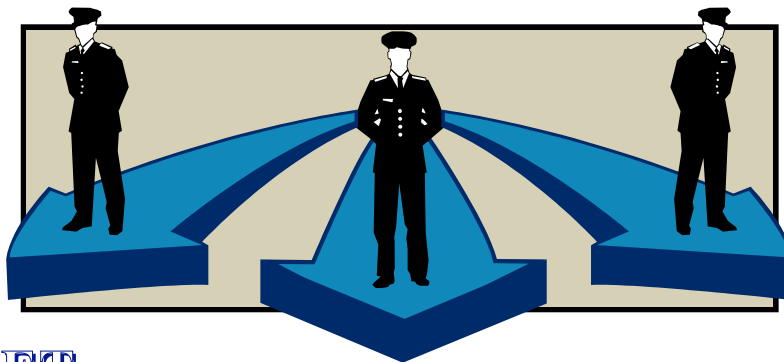
EARN COLLEGE CREDIT



FOR YOUR MILITARY TRAINING



Let us show you how!!



VMET

SMART

DD295

Each one of these documents will help you earn college credit, to help you complete college faster. Which one is better? The Joint Education Center can explain which one is right for you. Classes on the SMART and DD295 are offered Tues mornings at 0900. Please bring a copy of your SMART with you when you come to the brief.

SMART -

SMART is the acronym for the Sailor/Marine American Council on Education (ACE) Registry Transcript. This document is an academically accepted record of military occupational training, which has been evaluated by ACE and awarded a specific number and type of college credits. This will allow service members to earn college credit for their military experience. The SMART is made up of four parts, each one highlighting specific areas.

1. **"MILITARY COURSE COMPLETIONS"** – This is a listing of all MOS training and other formal military schools, as well as tests. This provides a detailed description of those schools and gives a breakdown of recommended college credit. Also included in this section are all tests, such as CLEP, DSST, or ECE, which the service member has taken while on active duty. Defense Language Proficiency Test results are also listed and earn college credit.
2. **"OTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCES"** – This is a list of military courses taken for which there are no matching credit recommendations and reason why.
3. **"SUMMARY TRANSCRIPT"**- This is a streamlined overview of all the credit ACE recommends in a format that resembles a college transcript.
4. **"ACADEMIC INSTITUTION PAGE"** - This page contains a listing of all academic classes taken while on active duty and utilizing tuition assistance (TA) or the Navy Afloat program. Courses using VA or which the individual has paid for on his or her own will not appear.

There are two types of SMARTs. The “individual” SMART can be accessed through the Internet and is available to all active duty personnel. The “Institution” SMART is an official document that is mailed from DANTEs directly to the school. Most schools require the official version. Official SMARTs can be requested free of charge from DANTEs by completing a form and faxing it to Pensacola or requesting one on line. Every service member should check his or her SMART annually to ensure the information is correct.

SMARTs can be corrected while on active duty. Once a service member leaves the military they can send the certificates & a copy of their DD214 to us and we will send the info on to Pensacola.

The Website for SMART is: <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>

DD 295 -

The DD295 is an earlier version of the SMART. The SMART will eventually replace the DD295. Service members who entered the service before 1994 may find it necessary to complete a DD form 295. Service members who attended military schools with other branches of service may also find it necessary to complete the DD295 in order to receive credit for those courses. The DD295 form is available on form flow and the Joint Education Center has the ACE guides necessary to complete the form. Service members who need to prepare a DD295 are advised to bring in any certificates of completion for courses that do not appear on the SMART when they come to the classes on Tuesday mornings. The class will also assist service members with using the DD295 to correct or modify the SMART.

VMET -

The VMET is DD form 2586 “Verification of Military Experience and Training”. This document is normally issued within six months of a service member’s separation or retirement from active duty. The purpose of this document is to assist veterans with the preparation of resumes by providing a summarization of experience and training. Information and ACE college credit for various types of military MOS training is provided. The VMET website is <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/vmet>

E-VETS -

The E-VETS website is designed by the Dept of Labor to provide service members with information on civilian licensing and credentialing programs. Many service members are trained in MOS’s that require civilian licensing to continue working in that field once they are out of the service. E-VETS can help provide information on how to get those licenses. The VA may even pay some of examination fees.

The E-VETS website is: www.dol.gov/elaws/evets.htm

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TESTING -

College credit can be awarded to those service members who take the Defense Language Proficiency Test. Currently there are 44 languages available. College credit is awarded through the American Council of Education (ACE) and the number of credits is determined by the level of proficiency. Students need to be aware that some schools may not recognize the scores as they appear on their SMART transcript. If the school requires an official transcript, students may contact the Defense Language Institute in Monterey California for a transcript of the exam. Military students who need to re-qualify annually for MOS requirements will be able to improve the number of college credit they are eligible each time they test.

DLI can be reached at <http://www.dliflc.edu/>

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



1. Why is the SMART so important?

The SMART assist schools in awarding credit by providing a single document that provides most of the information they need to determine transfer credits. It is updated continuously and can be corrected. You can use the SMART to earn additional college credits so you can graduate faster.

2. Will my school accept the SMART transcript after I get out of the service?

Usually no. Once you are discharged from the service most schools will only accept the DD214. This is also used to activate your VA benefits.

3. Which will give me more college credit, the DD214 or the SMART?

The DD 214 often provides only basic information on MOS specific courses you took while on active duty and normally will not be worth as many credits as the SMART.

4. Do all colleges or universities accept the SMART?

Each institution establishes its own policies regarding transfer credit. It is recommended that you contact the school directly before submitting the SMART.

5. Can I make corrections to my SMART if I find an error?

Yes you can correct a SMART. It may sometimes be necessary to complete the DD 295 to supplement or correct the information found on the SMART.

6. I took some college courses before entering the service. Will those be on my SMART?

No. SMART is a military transcript only and does not contain information on civilian coursework. Be sure to request a copy of the transcript from your civilian college be sent to your new school, along with your SMART. Those credits may transfer as well.

7. I received my MOS training at an Army installation. Will that information be on my SMART?

It should be. If it isn't, use the DD 295 to document that training.