

DEPLOYED AND DISTANCE TA PROGRAMS

There are many good schools that offer education programs specifically tailored to the unique challenges of deployed military personnel. It is a good idea to speak with an academic advisor at the Education Center before deploying so that you can learn what opportunities are available. Deployed students process tuition assistance through the Camp Pendleton Education Center. Students who will be going out with the MEU will be given the opportunity to attend a unit College 101 prior to deployment. Marines or Sailors who are going to be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan should attend a College 101 and take the TABE exam (if required) before leaving so that they will be able to process their TA as soon as it is required. Also it is also recommended that students make sure the school they will be attending knows they will be completing the class while deployed so class registration can be completed, if possible, before leaving the area.



Once a student is deployed they process their TA request by scanning their forms and emailing the documents to the Distance and Iraq deployed TA coordinators at distantta@gmail.com for assistance. Once the distance coordinators receive the documents, the request will be processed and sent back to the student for signature. The entire process takes several days and can be easily disrupted by connectivity issues, so please allow at least three days to receive the completed voucher to send on to your school. The Education Center maintains student files for all deployed students but students are advised to keep copies of all correspondence, forms, and vouchers, so that they will have documentation readily available should problems arise.

Students in Iraq or Afghanistan who need additional information regarding Tuition Assistance processing, as well as students located at non-Marine Corps installations west of the Mississippi should submit their requests to the education center at distantta@gmail.com for assistance. For academic questions or advice students can contact the virtual counselor at veccp1@gmail.com for a virtual counseling session.

MCO 1560.25D and MARADMIN 571/05 requires all students at non-Marine Corps installations (other than Navy or Coast Guard bases) west of the Mississippi to process their tuition assistance requests through the Joint Education Center at Camp Pendleton.

West Coast recruiters process their requests through MCRD San Diego, Base Education Office, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, 4025 Tripoli Ave Bldg 111, San Diego, CA 92140-5023 (619) 524-6865/1275 or DSN 524-6865.

Marines on I & I duty process through New Orleans at Commanding Officer, MARFORRES (Attn: LIFELONG LEARNING) 4400 Dauphine St, New Orleans, LA (504) 678-6581/8213 or DSN 678-6581/8213.