

NAVY COLLEGE OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 2007

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<https://navstanorva.navy.mil>

Points for Advancement

Per NAVADMIN 300/07, there will be education points awarded for degrees earned by an accredited institution effective with the Fall 2008 cycle. Two points will be awarded for an accredited associate degree and four points for an accredited baccalaureate (or higher) degree in the E4-E6 FMS. In addition, continued emphasis will be placed on education in the E7-E9 selection board precepts. Documentation is required for degree completion to count towards advancement. Sailors eligible for advancement to E4-E6 must have proof of their completed degree received by the Navy College Center no later than the first of the month in which their advancement exam takes place. Sailors eligible for advancement to E7-E9 must have proof of completed degree received by the Navy College Center no later than the convening date of their board. Proof of the degree must come directly from the awarding institution to the Navy College Center. For more information, please contact us or the Navy College Center at toll free 1-877-253-7122 or email ncc@cnet.navy.mil. You can also go to the Navy College Program website at <https://navycollege.navy.mil> or Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil.

Don't get bit by the Procrastination Bug and Miss Registration!

Prepare now for the Spring 2008 Semester! Now is the time to speak to a college representative, fill out the application, take math/English placement exams (if needed), and receive academic advising and registration services.

Keep in mind that many colleges close down as early as the second week in December for the holidays. You may also find useful information from the school's websites. Remember, it takes time to fill out the school's paperwork, and Navy College Office has a three day turn around to process TA applications. Please plan accordingly!

2008 ESO/CCC Workshop Dates

The next Education Services Officer and Command Career Counselor Workshops will be held in Bldg. C-9, second deck on January 23 – 25 2008. Attendees will receive a great amount of information covering topics such as: tuition assistance, SOCNAV agreements, accreditation, SMART transcripts, NCPACE, and more valuable information. Call the Navy College office at 444-7453/7454 to reserve a quota. Following the January 2008 dates, the next workshops are:

- April 16 – 18 2008
- July 23 – 25 2008
- October 22 – 24 2008

Rating Relevant Degrees... Why Should I?

In the past, NAVADMIN 203/05 stated that Associate degrees relevant to a Sailor's rate was mandatory in order to meet the advancement requirements for E-8. This policy has since been suspended and such degrees are no longer **mandatory**. However, these rate-relevant degrees

are still helpful to one's career and are still a great way to earn a degree.

Why should I consider a Rate-relevant degree?

1. Credit, credit, credit – degrees that are relevant to one's rate award credit earned from your military experience, CLEP/ DANTES exams, as well as other college credit you may have already earned. This helps save time and money.

2. Better Yourself, Better Your Career – becoming an educated individual enhances decision making skills, helps one to create and implement ideas, and other skills that help to make for a better employee and leader.

3. Increase Your Income - Like any college degree, a rate-relevant associate degree may open doors to higher income and promotions. If you are looking for a way to jump start your education, then pursuing a rate-relevant associate's degree first may be right for you.

To find out more information or to make an appointment with a Navy College Office advisor, please contact our office at 444-7453.

Navy College Testing Schedule

TESTING IS CLOSED 24-DECEMBER – 01JANUARY

The Navy College Testing Office is located in Building IE (Concord Hall) on the 1st deck. The test schedule is **subject to change**. For more information or to schedule an exam, please call the testing department at 757-444-9245. The following are testing dates for December.

<i>December 2007</i>			
Monday	03	0745	ACT
Monday	10	0745	SAT
Tuesday	11	0745	ECEP w/ Essay
Monday	17	0745	ACT

SCHOOL INFORMATION



University of West Florida



University of West Florida is now using Personal Digital Assistant devices to give students the opportunity to study anywhere. A select group of programs are being offered through this high-tech delivery system such as: an undergraduate level certificate in Technology Systems Support and a graduate level certificate in Human Performance Technology. All of these credits earned can be used toward a degree available through University of West Florida's online campus.

UWF (University of West Florida) representatives paid a visit to our Navy College Office this past 31 October to assist current students and students inquiring about the programs offered. The schools tuition rate is reasonable with tuition assistance funding: \$191/credit + applicable fees.

For more information please visit their website: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/pocketcampus/>, call toll free: 1-800-529-1823, or email: pda@uwf.edu to get in contact with a representative.



ECPI offers courses that prepare students to become certified professionals in the IT field. Two upcoming courses are:

1. Network Plus Prep (NET156) that will prep to certify students for the Network Plus Certification will be held 3 Jan 08 through 14 Feb 08.
2. Security Plus Prep (NET167) which will prep students for the Security plus certification will be held 27 Feb 08 through 31 Mar 08.

In addition to these courses, there are other on-base programs and classes are offered at a discounted tuition rate. Classes are open to all active duty military, family members, reservists, retirees, and DOD employees.

For further information, contact the on-base representative, Mr. Kevin Collins, at (757) 271-3764 or Email: kcollins@ecpi.edu



Vincennes University has the special "VU Plus" program that awards students a **FREE Laptop or FREE Books** once the student has enrolled in one of several course blocks (4 courses). Vincennes has created a series of "course blocks" in the VU Plus program designed to meet the needs of military students and the needs of the Navy / Marines.

The packages cover a broad spectrum of studies such as: General Education Cluster;

Information Technology; Law Enforcement; and "your choice" cluster.

These course blocks help to ease the stress of what courses one should take and provide concrete direction in degree planning.

Contact the on-base representative, Heidi Sharpe, to schedule an appointment for assistance on finding the right cluster for your needs and to get a free laptop or textbooks. Call 619-3302 or email: hsharpe@vinu.edu.



Tomas Edison State College offer a diverse selection of college majors for associates and bachelor degree programs with up to five methods of earning credit through distance learning such as:

- Guided Study
- Online Courses
- E-Pack
- TECEP Exams
- Prior Learning Assessment courses

TESC (Thomas Edison State College) also has on-going registration in which terms start the first of each month, giving flexibility to all military students with demanding schedules. There are rate-relevant degrees granting credit hours from a service member's SMART. This school has eliminated barriers and obstacle for the full time service member to obtain his/her college degree.

Get started today by contacting the on-base representative, Ellen Coleman @ (888)-442 – 8372 or email: ecoleman@tesc.edu

Excelior College is a regionally accredited institution that offers associate, bachelor and master's level programs awarding a vast amount of college credit from a service members' SMART. Up to 90 credit hours can be granted in to one's college degree depending upon the rate, time in service, etc.

The degree programs offered cover a broad range of majors such as: Liberal Arts, Nursing, Technical Studies and Engineering, just to name a few. Tuition rates are \$250.00 per credit hour for undergraduate and \$390.00 per credit hour for graduate level courses.

For further information or to schedule an appointment with the on-base representative, call the Navy College customer service line @ (757) 444-7453/54.



Coastline now has a program specifically designed for military spouses. The Military Spouses Program offers flexibility, reasonable tuition rates, and accelerated sessions, in addition to the following:

- Reduced tuition rate!
(only \$59 per semester hour)
- FREE Textbooks!
- Entire degree online -- access your course anytime from anyplace!
- Five 8-week sessions per year-- earn your degree faster!
- No application or registration fees!

For more information, contact Coastline at <http://military.coastline.edu> for the program and course descriptions.

**Registration for Spring I term ends January 9th.
Classes for Spring I begin January 28th and end
March 23rd. Registration for spouses ends
December 19th.**

ACADEMIC SKILLS

2008 Schedule

The Academic Skills sessions have ended for this calendar year, 2007 and will resume in January 2008 on the following dates:

<u>Start Dates</u>	<u>End Dates</u>
02 January	30 January (<i>no class 21 January</i>)
31 January	28 February (<i>no class 18 Feb</i>)

Classes meet in Bldg CEP-87, second deck. The purpose of the Navy College Learning Program (NCLP) is to enhance your reading, writing, & math skills. Successful completion of the classes will satisfy the requirement to retake the ASVAB. The best method to request a quota is for your command representative e-mail the Navy College Office at nco.norfolk@navy.mil with SUBJ: Academic Skills. All requests must include the student's name, rate/rank, command, and their commands POC's name, rate/rank, phone, & e-mail.

Tuition Assistance Workshop

The Tuition Assistance Workshop is required for all students using Tuition Assistance (TA). All students using tuition assistance must have a SOCNAV agreement or formal degree plan by the time the fifth TA funded class is completed.

Tuition Assistance Workshops are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 0900 and 1330 in Building I-E, classroom 8. Seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early. No late arrivals will be permitted.

CLEP/DSST Testing 2007

CLEP/DSST tests are now computerized and given at the Saint Leo University Lab in building U-40. Please contact Saint Leo University at 489-0969 or email cleptesting@saintleo.edu to schedule an exam. In order to test, examinees MUST have a valid military ID card and a second picture ID with a signature. NO EXCEPTIONS. Routine testing and GED tests are administered **most** Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 0800 and 1000.

DLPT and DLAB tests are available (only if ordered in advance). Please contact Navy College to order these exams.

ON BASE SCHOOL REPS

Navy College Learning Program	423-3235
Navy College Learning Center	451-1134
American Preparatory Institute	440-8700
ECPI College of Technology	271-3764
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. (Norfolk)	440-5078
Florida Institute of Technology	440-9005
Norfolk State University	489-8516
Old Dominion University	440-4015
Saint Leo University	489-0969
Tidewater Community College	489-7397
Tidewater Consortium	489-3329
Troy University	451-8202
U-40 Bookstore (SLU, ERU, TCC)	440-9341
Central Texas College	440-5301

WEB SITES TO EXPLORE

Testing Information/Study Materials

SAT - www.collegeboard.com

ACT - <http://www.act.org/>

GRE - <http://www.gre.org/>

GMAT - <http://www.mba.com>

LSAT - <http://www.lsac.org/>

EXEP - <http://www.excelsior.edu/>

CLEP- <http://freeuniv.com>

United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP)

<https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/usmapss/static/usmap.htm>

DOD Voluntary Education Program

http://www.voled.doded.mil/voled_web/voledhome.asp

Educational Opportunity Center

<http://www.vtc.odu.edu/eoc.html>

Navy College Program

<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>

