



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

EDUCATION BENEFITS



DIGITAL EDITION

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# COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

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Education and the Air Force go hand in hand. From classrooms to online courses, from an associate degree to a PhD, it's up to you how far you want to take your education. The Air Force is with you every step of the way. It's our priority. It's our commitment to excellence for you.



## COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE

When you enlist in the Air Force you're automatically enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). It's the largest community college in the world and the only two-year institution exclusively serving enlisted members.

Your college credits add up quickly for Basic Military Training, technical training, on-the-job training and upgrade training. Coupled with off-duty courses you can easily earn an associate of applied science degree in your career field. If you already have some college credits when you enlist, CCAF will accept transfer credits from other accredited schools on a course-by-course basis.

## AIR FORCE VIRTUAL EDUCATION CENTER

A world of education possibilities is at your fingertips. Through the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC), you can map out the best path to achieve your education goals while serving your country. AFVEC is a one-stop shopping site offering an extensive array of online services allowing you to take full control of your education.

## **BASE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTER**

There may be times you need to talk to an education professional to discuss your education options. Each base has an Education Services Center dedicated to helping Air Force members, family members and retirees pursue their goals. The centers are composed of school representatives, guidance counselors, academic advisors, education technicians/specialists and test examiners.

## **MONEY FOR COLLEGE**

With the Air Force Tuition Assistance Program, there's no need to worry about how to cover your college expenses. We'll pay up to 100 percent of your tuition for academic or technical classes taken on or off base and through distance learning in pursuit of an associate, bachelor's and master's degree.

Participants in the Post-9/11 GI Bill program receive 100-percent paid college tuition (up to a specified amount) after 36 months of honorable active-duty service with no monetary contribution required.

Veterans can also receive a monthly housing stipend plus an annual allowance for books and supplies. These benefits are also transferable to a spouse or dependent family member. Transfer of Post 9/11 benefits must be completed prior to release from active duty.

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# **YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR MISSION**

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**Community College of the Air Force**

[airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF](mailto:airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF)

**Air Force Credentialing Opportunities On-Line**

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Airmen can review credentialing requirements specific to their enlisted occupations through **AFVEC** and **AFCOOL**.



## **DISTANCE LEARNING**

Air Force distance learning programs offer continuing education through career development courses, specialized courses and other approved materials for upgrade training. They also provide support to Air Force members for professional military education correspondence courses.

## **COLLEGE CREDIT EXAMS**

Earning college credit is as easy as taking an exam. Many Airmen accumulate credits through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), Excelsior College and the Defense Language Proficiency Test. Each base Education Services Center has a current list of college exams available. A maximum of 30 semesters hours of degree-applicable credit can be used to satisfy degree requirements.

## **ASSOCIATE-TO-BACCALAUREATE COOPERATIVE**

The Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative program allows Airmen to apply their CCAF degree credits toward a bachelor's degree from a variety of colleges and universities. Using AFVEC, Airmen can enroll as juniors in one of over 200 degree programs.

## **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Some Air Force occupations require specific licenses and certifications established by governmental and professional interservice organizations. Air Force members earn these credentials as part of their job training and find them valuable while seeking job opportunities when transitioning out of the Air Force.

## UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

There's no limit to the education opportunities you'll find in the Air Force. For more information, contact your local Air Force recruiter or call **1-800-423-USAF**. Also visit **AIRFORCE.COM**.



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