DEFENSE ACTIVITY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT

DANTES: Turning Military Experience Into Educational and Career Momentum

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One learner. Many transitions. One connected support system.



Qualify for service

Build skills while serving

Convert experience into credit

Complete a degree or credential faster

Transition into a mission-critical career

OUR MISSION

Leave no warfighter's potential behind

- Empower Service members to achieve education goals
- Advance military careers and readiness
- Support successful transition to civilian life
- Deliver consolidated, efficient program management
- Connect education, credentials and careers across the talent lifecycle

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THE FRICTION

Why DANTES Exists

Translate

Military learning is Valuable, but often difficult to translate

Navigate

Learners face fragmented tools, policies, and providers

Continue

Frequent moves, deployments, and duty demands interrupt progress

Accelerate

Repeated coursework costs time, Tuition Assistance (TA), and personal funds

Align

Transition pathways do not always connect to employer demand

DANTES supports the full talent lifecycle

RECRUIT

Strengthen foundational academic **skills**

ADVANCE

Plan education and military career **goals**

ACCELERATE

Award credit for demonstrated **learning**

CREDENTIAL

Connect skills to **licenses** and **certifications**

TRANSITION

Translate military **experience into** civilian **opportunity**

REINVEST

Move **proven talent** into the national workforce and Defense Industrial Base

To learn more, visit: www.dantes.mil

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1 | Academic Skills Training Program: qualify and advance

PROBLEM

Foundational skill gaps can block enlistment, technical specialties, promotion, or college placement

SOLUTION

No-cost, self-paced academic preparation in **Math, Literacy, Science,** and **Technical** domains

STUDENT OUTCOME

Stronger aptitude, fewer remedial courses, and **greater access** to high-demand pathways

To learn more, visit: www.dantes.mil/Academic-Skills-Training/

2 | College and Career Planning Program: choose with confidence

PROBLEM

Learners can commit time and benefits before their goals, transfer options, or career alignment are clear

SOLUTION

Career Path DECIDE planning tools connect interests, military experience, education, and occupations

STUDENT OUTCOME

A **clearer plan**, fewer abandoned credits and **better-informed use** of education benefits

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To learn more, visit:https://www.dantes.mil/college-and-career-planning/



3 | DoW MOU + TA DECIDE: a trusted marketplace

PROBLEM	Service members need **confidence** that institutions accepting Tuition Assistance meet Department requirements
SOLUTION	The partnership MOU establishes **standards**; TA DECIDE supports **transparent** school research and comparison
STUDENT OUTCOME	**Access** to vetted institutions, clearer **choices** and **protection** from unfair or misleading practices

To learn more, visit: www.dodmou.mil www.dodmou.mil/tadecide

4 | Military Training Evaluation + JST: recognize what they already know

PROBLEM

Military courses and occupations are not automatically understood in civilian academic terms

SOLUTION

Faculty-led evaluation produces college credit recommendations recorded on the Joint Services Transcript (JST)

STUDENT OUTCOME

Less duplicated learning, shorter completion paths and a portable record of military learning

To learn more, visit: https://www.dantes.mil/credit4training/

5 | Credit by Examination (CLEP & DSST): prove knowledge, skip repetition

PROBLEM

Learners may already know course content but still face the time and cost of sitting through it again

SOLUTION

DANTES funds eligible CLEP and DSST examinations

STUDENT OUTCOME

Earned credit where accepted, preserved Tuition Assistance and faster progress to completion

To learn more, visit: www.dantes.mil/clep

To learn more, visit: www.dantes.mil/dsst

6 | Credentialing pathways:
turn capability into recognized qualifications

PROBLEM

Military competence does not always transfer into civilian licenses, Certifications, or apprenticeship credit

SOLUTION

Credentialing Assistance, COOL Resources, and apprenticeship alignment identify and fund relevant pathways

STUDENT OUTCOME

Industry-recognized proof of **skill**, stronger **mobility,** and clearer routes into high-demand **careers**

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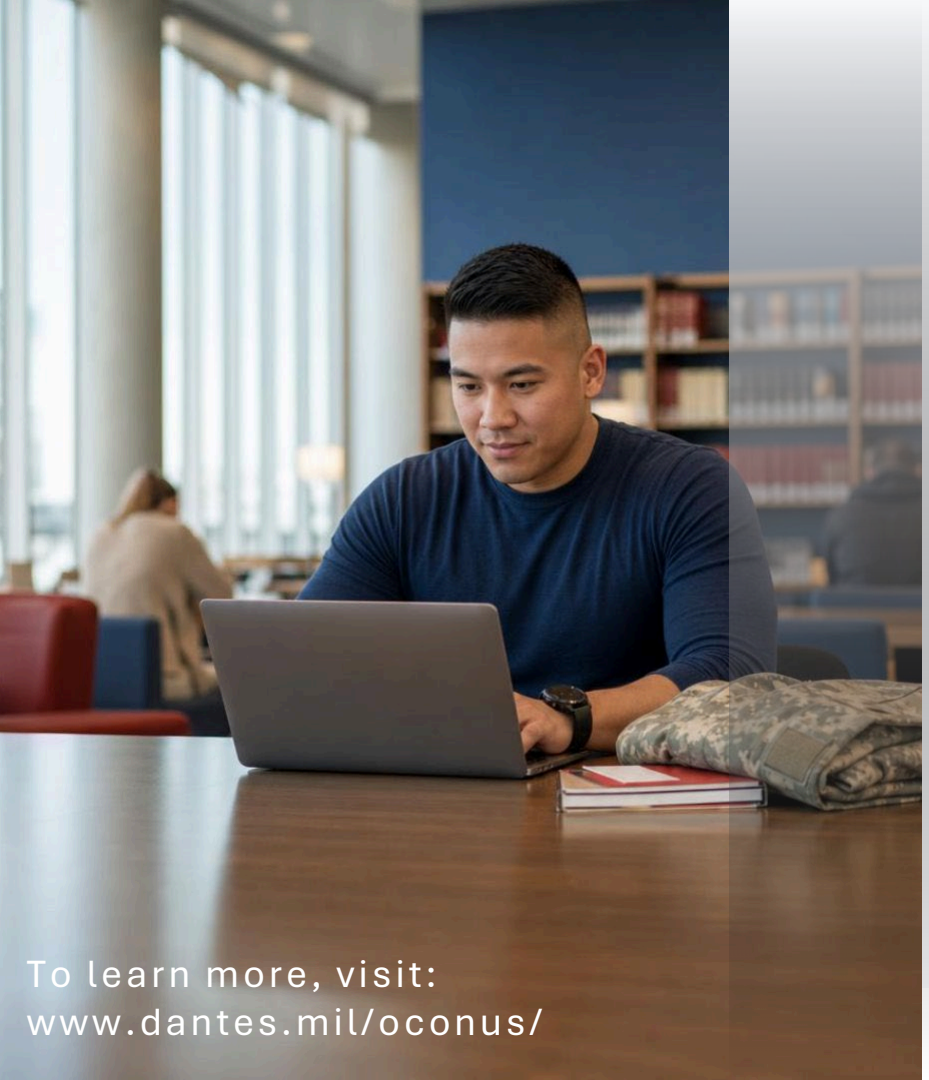

7 | Global and flexible access: keep progress moving

PROBLEM

Deployments, overseas assignments, shipboard duty, and frequent moves interrupt traditional education models

SOLUTION

Online **preparation**, global **testing**, overseas education **support**, and portable records

STUDENT OUTCOME

Continuity across locations, duty Schedules, and major life transitions

The result:
readiness today and national talent tomorrow

150K+
active learners annually

375K+
college courses completed annually

2,300+
vetted colleges and universities

$185M+
Tuition Assistance cost avoidance

450K
months compressed toward degree completion

21%
average AFQT improvement

PROJECT PATRIOT PIPELINE

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A DIRECT PATH TO
MISSION-CRITICAL CAREERS

Service members	Military spouses	Federal civilians

To learn more, visit:
www.mypatriotcareer.mil

Project Patriot Pipeline: one front door to mission-critical careers

- Connects Service members, military spouses and federal civilians to career **development opportunities**
- Modernizes **access** across education, credentials, apprenticeships and employment
- Aligns **learning pathways** with readiness and Defense Industrial Base demand
- Creates a **continuous pipeline**, from service to lifelong contribution

DANTES supports the education engine inside the Patriot Pipeline...



Academic readiness opens the first gate

MOU oversight establishes trusted partners

Credentials & **apprenticeships** validate skills

Career navigation creates direction

Credit recognition accelerates attainment

Education-to-employment alignment completes the pipeline

What military-connected students need from institutions

01 Credit policies that **recognize** validated military learning

02 Clear degree maps showing **how JST and exam credit apply**

03 **Flexible delivery** across time zones, moves, and duty schedules

04 **Advising** that understands Tuition Assistance and military transitions

05 Portable **credentials aligned** to licensure and employer **demand**

06 **Career support** that includes military spouses and transitioning members

How to partner with the Department

1. **JOIN:** complete and **maintain** the DoW Voluntary Education **Partnership** MOU
2. **RECOGNIZE:** publish transparent JST, ACE, CLEP, and DSST **credit application practices**
3. **DESIGN:** build stackable, portable **pathways** tied to high-demand **occupations**
4. **SUPPORT:** **train** military-connected advising, testing and career **teams**
5. **CONNECT:** create **spouse-inclusive** internships, apprenticeships, and employer pipelines
6. **MEASURE:** **share** persistence, completion, transfer, and employment **outcomes**

The partnership promise

When institutions **recognize** military learning, **design** for mobility, and **connect** education to opportunity, Service members and military spouses move faster from potential → attainment → national **impact**

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Explore the Patriot Pipeline: mypatriotcareer.mil

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