



Education Center
Your home for off-duty education success!
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<https://hawaii.usmc-mccs.org/education>



ACTIVE DUTY TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA):

- All Marines earn **\$4,500** every fiscal year to pay for academic/vocational courses at the certificate, associate's, bachelor's or master's degree level!
- Your TA money is completely separate from your GI Bill benefit. The more academic credit you earn while you're active duty, the further you'll be able to stretch your Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefit
- **TA 101 Brief every Wednesday 1130-1230 at the Education Center!! Bldg. 220**

MASP – MILITARY ACADEMIC SKILLS PROGRAM:

- Think of MASP as an Academic Boot Camp! MASP is a four-week, daytime, in-the-classroom course that delivers 120 hours of writing, reading comprehension, and math curriculum.
- MASP can be taken for work performance improvement, advancement, qualification for lateral MOS moves, application to specialized schools, officer candidacy, preparation for college-level courses, and/or as an academic “refresher.”

COOL – CREDENTIALING OPPORTUNITIES ON-LINE:

- COOL will assist you in exploring opportunities in high-demand civilian certifications and licenses related to your MOS. These certification and licensure exams can be very expensive! HQMC will pay for a variety of them!
- Familiarize yourself with your options by visiting the website and searching within your primary MOS. There's also a special section for "Leaders." You must have at least six months remaining prior to your EAS date to apply for the voucher that will pay for your certification exam.
- <https://www.cool.osd.mil/usmc/index.html>

USMAP – UNITED SERVICES MILITARY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM:

- Of all your USMC career/education benefit programs, USMAP offers the highest return on investment for the least amount of effort!
- This is a career training program that provides eligible Marines the opportunity to improve job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while on active duty.
- The U.S. Department of Labor awards the very valuable and nationally-recognized "Certificate of Completion of Journeyman Apprenticeship" when you finish.
- Visit the website to research available programs, discover the required trade hours, and enroll in the program.
- <https://usmap.netc.navy.mil>

CLEP & DSST CREDIT-BY-EXAM:

- Earn college credit through the College Level Exam Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) programs.
- You can take every exam once completely free-of charge.
- MCB Hawaii conducts CLEP & DSST testing every **Monday & Friday 0900-1300** in the **National Testing Center located in Bldg 220, Classroom B.**

JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPT (JST):

- College credit based on your JST (every Marine has one!) How?
- Your professional military education and training is evaluated and accredited by an outside civilian organization called the American Council on Education (ACE).
- When you apply to your school, do not forget to have that school evaluate your official JST for transferable academic credit. **You earned it! Take advantage of it!**

<https://jst.doded.mil/official.html>

MyCAA – MY CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT:

- Military spouse grant program is available to spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades E-1 to E-9, W-1 to W-3 and O-1 to O-3, who have successfully completed high school.
- This free, career-focused grant provides a total tuition benefit of \$4,000 with an annual fiscal year cap of \$2,000, and can be used for an associate's degree, certification or licensure.
- Visit the MyCAA website to look at available degree programs and schools, talk to a professional career counselor, and enroll in the program. Call 1-800-342-9647 or go to: <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa>

Testing:

- Interested in taking the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)? The AFCT is held in the Education Center twice a month. Please visit or contact the Education Center for information on how to apply for the AFCT. After receiving Command approval, you can choose an AFCT test date through the Education Center.
- DLAB assesses a Marine's potential to learn a new language, serving as a prerequisite for language training and certain specialties.
- DLPT measures a Marine's existing fluency in a specific foreign language through reading and listening skills.

Stop by the Education Center to learn more about each exam and how to schedule a test date!