



Certifying Officials Conference

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- 4 Years doing GoArmyEd



Purpose:



- **The purpose of this presentation is to update you on GoArmyEd (GAE). This session will assist Counselors in providing effective guidance to Soldiers regarding GAE TA and the use of VIA and other Programs.**

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Agenda



- **Review of GAE**
- **TA Application**
- **VIA**
- **CIP**

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Agenda



- **TEB**
- **Apprenticeship**
- **Free Tutoring**
- **“Cool” web site**

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GAE Review

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the GoArmyEd website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.goarmyed.com/login.aspx>. The website header features the GoArmyEd logo and a search bar. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Welcome to GoArmyEd!**: A large banner with the GoArmyEd logo and a "Replay" button.
- About GoArmyEd**: A section describing the platform as a virtual gateway for Tuition Assistance (TA) and listing its users: Soldiers, Army Education Counselors, and Schools.
- GoArmyEd Log In**: A login section for registered users with fields for User Name and Password, and a "Go" button. It also includes links for "Forgot your user name and/or password?" and "Need to Register/Activate your account in GoArmyEd?".
- Register with GoArmyEd**: A section with two buttons: "NEW USER" and "NEW SCHOOL".
- News And Announcements**: A section stating "No GoArmyEd news at this time... News".

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including "Inbox - Mic...", "ARNG Pers...", "Welcome t...", "Error - Wind...", "G-1 Briefings", "Yellow Ribb...", "2011 10 - G1...", and "GI Bill Cheat...". The system clock shows the time as 9:05 PM.



GAE TA Pays



- **GAE TA pays up to:**
 - **\$250/semester hour**
 - **Only pays for Tuition**
 - **16 hours/fiscal year (1 Oct – 30 Sep)**
 - **5 Courses per fiscal year**
 - **130 hours for undergraduate study**
 - **39 hours for graduate study**

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GAE TA Does NOT Pay



- **GAE does NOT pay for:**
 - **Books**
 - **Lab fees**
 - **Other School Fees.**

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GAE TA Does NOT Pay



- **GAE does NOT pay for:**
 - **First professional degrees**
 - **Doctoral programs**
 - **Lower and Lateral degrees**

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GAE Eligibility



- **All “Active” duty Soldiers**
 - **AGR**
 - **Drilling National Guard Soldiers (M-Day)**

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GAE NOT Eligible



- The following are **NOT eligible** for GAE TA
 - ROTC Scholarship Students
 - Soldiers that are **FLAGGED**
 - Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)
 - Inactive National Guard (ING)

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GAE Time Conditions



- **Must have at least one (1) year of service after Advanced Individual Training (AIT) or Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC)**
- **Must have completed 10 years of service prior to working on a MASTERS Degree.**
 - **If TA was used to pay for any portion of the undergraduate degree**

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GAE Recoupment



- **If the Soldier withdraws from classes because of personal reasons.**
- **Receives a GRADE of “D or F” for undergraduate courses**
- **Receives a GRADE of “C, D or F” for graduate courses**

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GAE and GI Bill



- **Duplication of Benefits may be an issue.**
 - **DVA Regulations**
 - **DoD Regulations**
 - **Military Branch specific regulations**

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GAE and GI Bill



- **Recent change: You may use both FTA and Chp 1606/1607 benefits during the same semester as long as they are not for the SAME COURSE.**

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GAE and GI Bill



- Due to the complexities of this situation, we **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** you contact **your School VA Rep** to discuss your options and verify your MGIB entitlement and enrollment status **prior** to making this important decision.

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GAE and GI Bill



- **Solution**

- There is no ONE answer fits all

- Counselors must sit down with each individual Soldier and develop a Course of Action that is best for that Soldier.

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GAE and GI Bill



- **Solution**
 - **Chapter 3.3 FTA Use with GI Bill**
 - **p. 23 in the FY 16 ARNG Education Benefits Handbook.**

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Tuition Assistance Process



- *No CAC!!*
- GoArmyEd.com is now the Army wide source for TA
 1. Establish a login password.
 2. Go through the VIA process.
 3. Upload a copy of the statement of understanding (SOU).

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Tuition Assistance Process



4. Register for classes at school

5. Upload your degree plan,

- **Go to Degree Works**
- **Shows the Past, Present, and Future Classes (Christmas Carol)**



Tuition Assistance Process



6. Upload your class schedule

- **Detailed Class Schedule** showing
- **Course Name, Course Code, Course ID and Number of Credits**
- **(English, ENGL, 203, 3SH's)**
- **Start and End dates** of the Course



Tuition Assistance Process



7. Upload your cost statement.

- **Account Summary by Term**

8. Request TA in GoArmyEd.com



Tuition Assistance Process



9. After 6 semester hours you must upload a **Course Planner** before any more classes can be approved.
 - **Mirror the Course Planner to the Degree Plan**

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Tuition Assistance Process



- **Recent change: All courses for which FTA funds are being requested must be APPROVED by the state FTA manager BEFORE the 1st day of class or you get NOTHING.**

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Tuition Assistance Process



- **This means you must have an uploaded and **approved SOU, degree plan, course planner, and detailed TA request** for each class. This is not a one-day process. You can't wait to do it until the week before class starts!**



Tuition Assistance Process



- All requests for approving a degree plan, course planner, or tuition assistance request will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

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Tuition Assistance Process



- **Keep your E-mail address and other account information in GAE up to date.**
(Note: AKO died on 31MAR15).
- **Requests should be submitted at least 10 days before the start date to allow time for processing.**

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Tuition Assistance Process



- **But please submit as far out as possible (NET 60 days ahead).**
- **e.g., If your class starts in May 2016, you should be registering in March 2016 in GoArmyEd.**

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Tuition Assistance Process

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(678)569-5067

**QUESTIONS
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THE HALO JUMP WASN'T THE HARD PART.
KNOWING WHICH ARABIC DIALECT TO USE
WHEN I LANDED WAS.



Why VIA ?

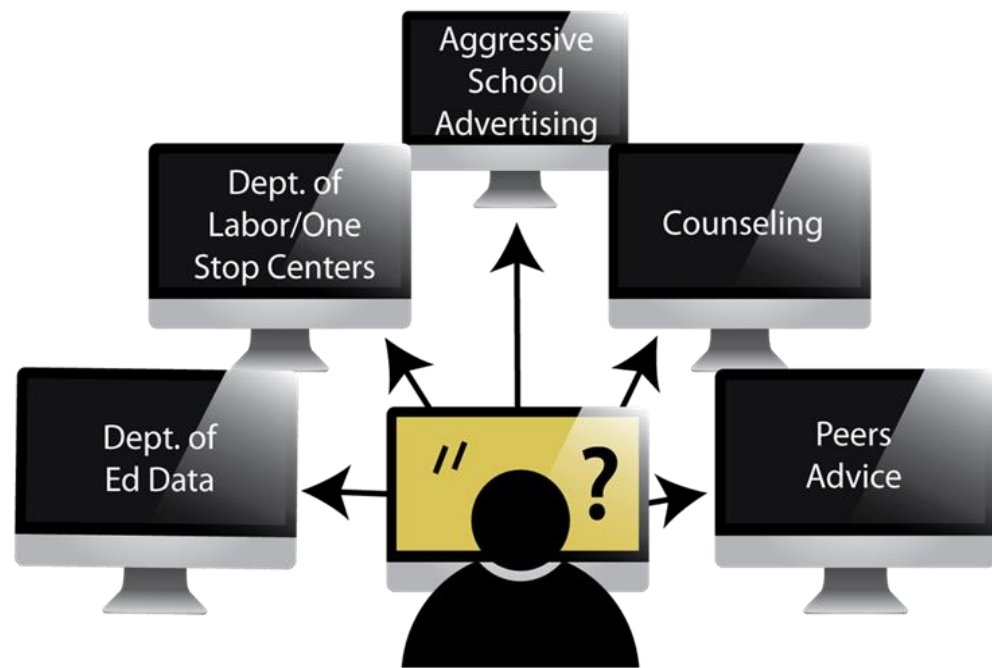


- Over 64,000 new Soldiers request “TA – eligible” access in GoArmyEd each year and 68,000 additional Soldiers request home school and/or degree plan changes.
- Research supports hypothesis that students with clear career goals have higher degree completion rates.

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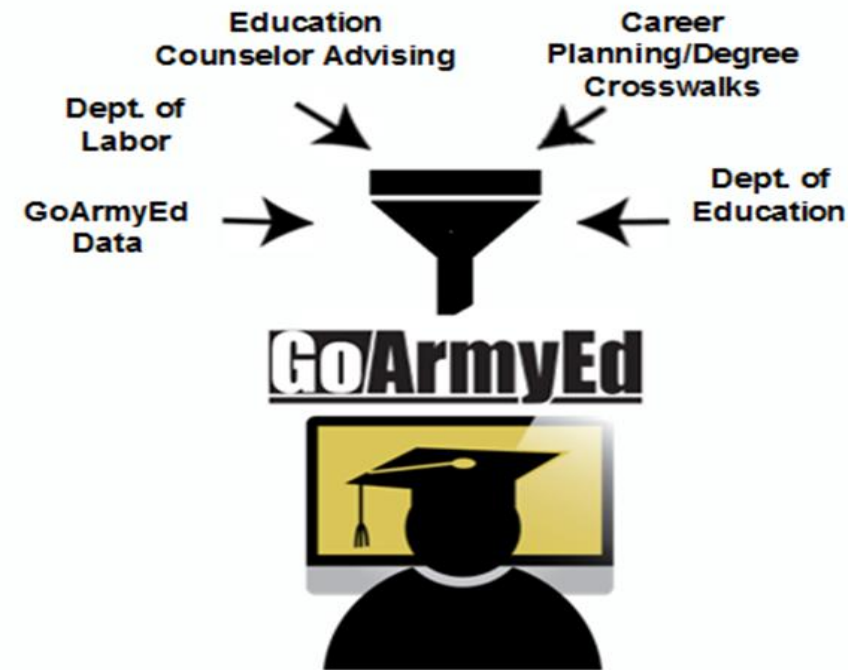


Why VIA ?



Now

Research and planning is voluntary and sporadic.



Future

Education planning tools are integrated in GoArmyEd to help increase student retention rates and

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Why VIA ?



VIA uses trusted data and makes decision-making easier for Soldiers through a guided decision support process.



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VIA Overview



VIA Summary:

- VIA launched in GoArmyEd on 12 December 2015
- VIA is a decision support tool that helps Soldiers
 - research and choose a long-term civilian career goal,
 - a degree that prepares them for their career goal and
 - a “best fit/best value” school

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VIA Overview



- All Soldiers will use VIA for:
 - requesting a GAE Account
 - requesting to change their existing school
 - or to change their degree



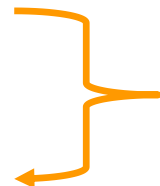
Soldiers



Counselors



Schools



Key VIA Stakeholders

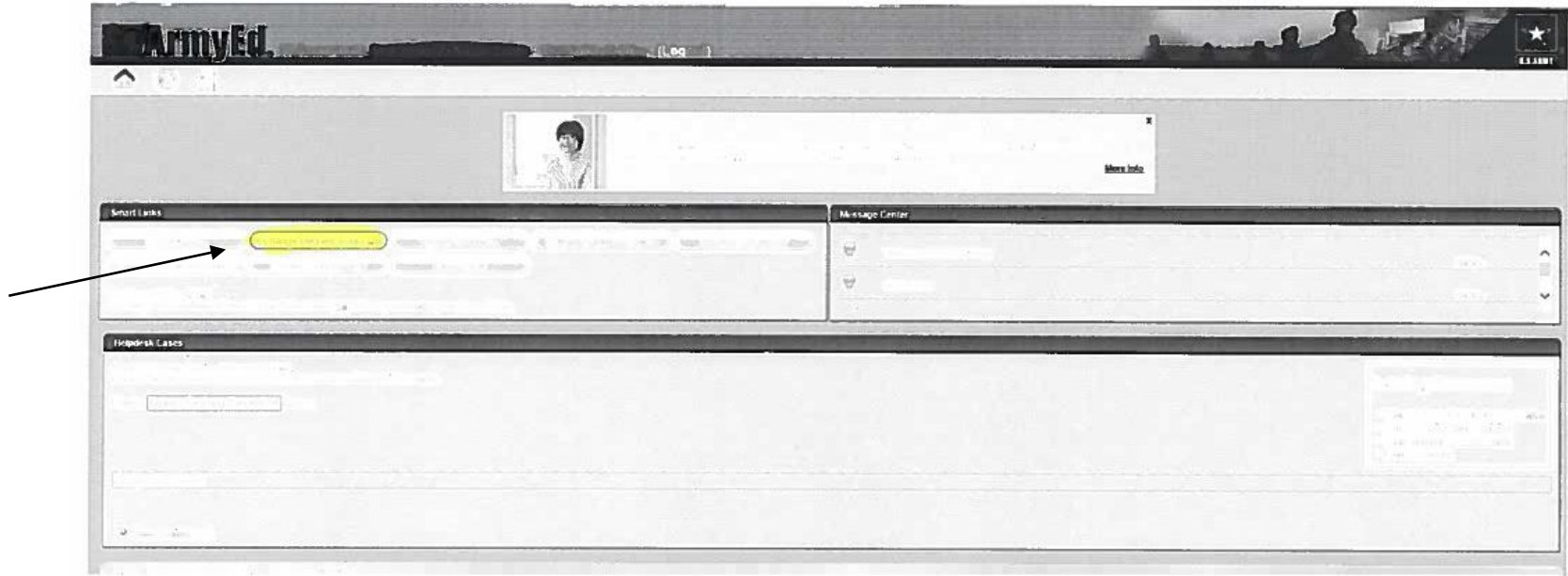
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VIA Overview



This tab
says,
Change
School
or
Change
Degree



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VIA Overview

Soldier can complete VIA in multiple sittings. VIA saves progress so that Soldier can continue where he/she last left off or make revisions.

GoArmyEd VIA 70%

VIA Home About You Career Goal Degree Program School Review & Submit

We want to help you find the civilian career path best suited to your current and future interests, experience and abilities, but we need you to do a few things. [More Info](#)

[Tell us about your career interests and values](#) Complete

[Tell us about your other preferences](#) Complete

[Pick your career goal](#) Complete

[Choose your degree program](#) Complete

[Choose your school](#) Incomplete ~5 minutes

Review your selections Incomplete ~6 minutes

~11 minutes

CONTINUE

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VIA Summary



- VIA makes career recommendations based on Soldier's interests, values, salary goals, and other preferences.
- Job growth nationally and in the part of the country they may wish to work as a civilian.

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VIA Summary



- VIA recommends degree options that best prepare the Soldier for his or her selected career goal and that are offered online or in a classroom within 50 miles of the Soldier.
- When a Soldier compares degrees he/she can learn more about the degree and number of courses required to complete the degree.

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VIA Summary



- VIA recommends schools that offer the Soldier's selected degree and sorts them in order based on cost and outcome factors.

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VIA Overview: School (cont.)

Soldiers can compare schools based on modality of degree offered, cost, admissions criteria, and success outcomes of other Students generally and Soldiers specifically that attended the school.

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Review & Select a School

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	Southern Polytechnic State University	University of the District of Columbia
	<p>Southern Polytechnic State University is located in Marietta, GA. It is a medium, academic and occupational institution.</p> <p>MAKE MY SELECTION</p>	<p>University of the District of Columbia is located in Washington, DC. It is a medium, academic institution.</p> <p>MAKE MY SELECTION</p>
Your Preferred Degree Offered at School	1 online/ 0 classroom or combo programs	0 online/ 1 classroom or combo programs
Degree Modalities Available at School	ONLINE ONLY, CLASSROOM ONLY	CLASSROOM ONLY
Minimum Admissions Requirements	Admissions Criteria: GPA Required; Admission Test Scores Required Admissions URL: http://www.spsu.edu	Open Admissions Admissions URL: WWW.UDC.EDU

VIA Overview (cont.)

Soldier's final review of his/her career goal, degree, and school choices before submission to an Army Education Counselor for approval.

Welcome, PFC Damien Smith [Close Window](#)

GoArmyEd [VIA Home](#) [About You](#) [Career Goal](#) [Degree Program](#) [School](#) [Review & Submit](#) **80%**

You've made some great choices and you're almost done! Before you submit your request, review all your information and then click "Submit". [More Info](#) [PRINT](#)

1 Your Selections

Career Goal: Information Technology
Degree Program: BS in Information Technology
School: Georgia Tech

[Change Selections >](#)

2 Your Career Trajectory

Time in Years	Salary Potential
0	0
5	~50k
10	~100k

3 Time Recommendations

You can take up to 4 classes at the same time

You might be able to achieve your educational goal by December 2016

4 Your Available School and Study Time

5 hrs

5 Tips for Success

Based on your Degree Plan Selection of "Bachelor's of Science in Information Technology", there are a few things that might help you be successful in completing your degree.

1. Complete the Basic Math Skills course MAT453365U prior to starting your degree plan.
2. Consider taking lower level fundamental degree courses in your first two semesters of study.
3. Consider taking no more than 2 courses per semester in your first year of studies.





QUESTIONS



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“CIP” Code



- **What is a “CIP” Code?**
 - **The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) provides a taxonomic scheme that supports the accurate tracking and reporting of fields of study and program completions activity.**

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“CIP” Code



- **To learn more about CIP codes:**
- <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

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TEB



Transfer of Education Benefits



TEB



The transfer of education benefits (TEB) was designed as a retention tool by DoD. It is separate from simply earning Ch 33 benefits.



TEB



- **Beginning 1 Aug 2012, SM were allowed to execute a TEB agreement.**
 - **Must be completed while still in service.**
 - **Incurs a 4-year service obligation**
 - **Service obligation is waived for involuntary separation (e.g., medical, force reduction, age 60).**



TEB



Total military service

- 1 – 5 years
- 6 – <10 years
- 10 years or more

Eligible for transfer

- No one
- Spouse and child; child must wait until year 10 to use.
- Spouse and child; both can use immediately.





OJT and Apprenticeship



- **OJT and Apprenticeship**
- **GI Bill can be used to pay a stipend to the SM while participating in on-the-job training (OJT), apprenticeship, or registered apprenticeship (RA) with participating civilian companies.**

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OJT and Apprenticeship



- **The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) has degrees for many apprenticeship programs.**
- **RA certificates are nationally recognized and provide the recipient with a significant boost in earnings potential.**


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APPRENTICESHIP



- What is Registered Apprenticeship?
 - A unique employer-sponsored education and training program
 - Annual requirements: 2,000 on-the-job training hours (full-time) and 144 hours of related classroom instruction
 - Supervision is provided by a journey-level craft person or trade professional



APPRENTICESHIP



- **Programs generally last from two to five years**
- **Nationally-recognized credential issued upon completion**
- **Nearly 16,000 employers sponsor over 20,000 programs**
- **450,000 apprentices currently employed in the U.S.**
- **Veterans can earn full-time apprentice wages and collect monthly GI Bill benefits for the duration of their apprentice training period!**

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FREE TUTORING



- **TUTOR.COM for U.S. Military**
 - **DoD provides online tutoring from TUTOR.COM at no cost to DoD service members.**
 - **Live 24/7 tutoring**
 - **Help with, homework, test prep, proofreading and more in 40+ subjects.**

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- Log in at: www.tutor.com/military
- **Email: militarysupport@tutor.com**
- **social media:**
[facebook.com/TutordotcomforMilitary](https://www.facebook.com/TutordotcomforMilitary)

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“COOL” website



ARMY COOL

Credentialing Opportunities On-Line

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- [3 Learn About Available Resources](#)
- [4 Apply For and Take Exam](#)

Find

Find & Select Related Credentials

Choose an item from one drop-down, click Go

Enlisted Search

– MOS Code –

– MOS Title –

– Civilian Career Area –

Warrant Officer Search

– WO MOS Code –

– WO MOS Title –

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Welcome to the New COOL!

COOL has been retooled from the ground up – Click above for more

Get the most out of COOL

[How to Use the Site](#)

[What is Credentialing?](#)

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“COOL” website



- **COOL (Credentialing Opportunities On-Line) helps Army Service members find information on certifications and licenses related to their jobs.**

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“COOL” website



- **Use COOL to get background information on credentialing and find detailed information on:**
 - Credentials related to an Army Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)
 - Credential requirements and potential gaps between Army training and civilian credentialing requirements
 - Resources available to fill gaps between military training and civilian credentialing requirements



“COOL” website



- Learn how experience in the Army could speed up getting a promotion or landing a civilian job. Military Occupational Specialties are mapped to civilian credentials, and Service members can learn how to obtain these credentials and plot out their careers.

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Conclusion





GA Contacts



- **Tuition Assistance** **Mr. Tom Bolin** **678-569-5067**

- **GI Bill / Kicker /** **Mr. Todd Brinkley** **678-569-5345**

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