

Testing Program

There are different testing programs available through the Base Education Center.

1. Military Classification Testing:

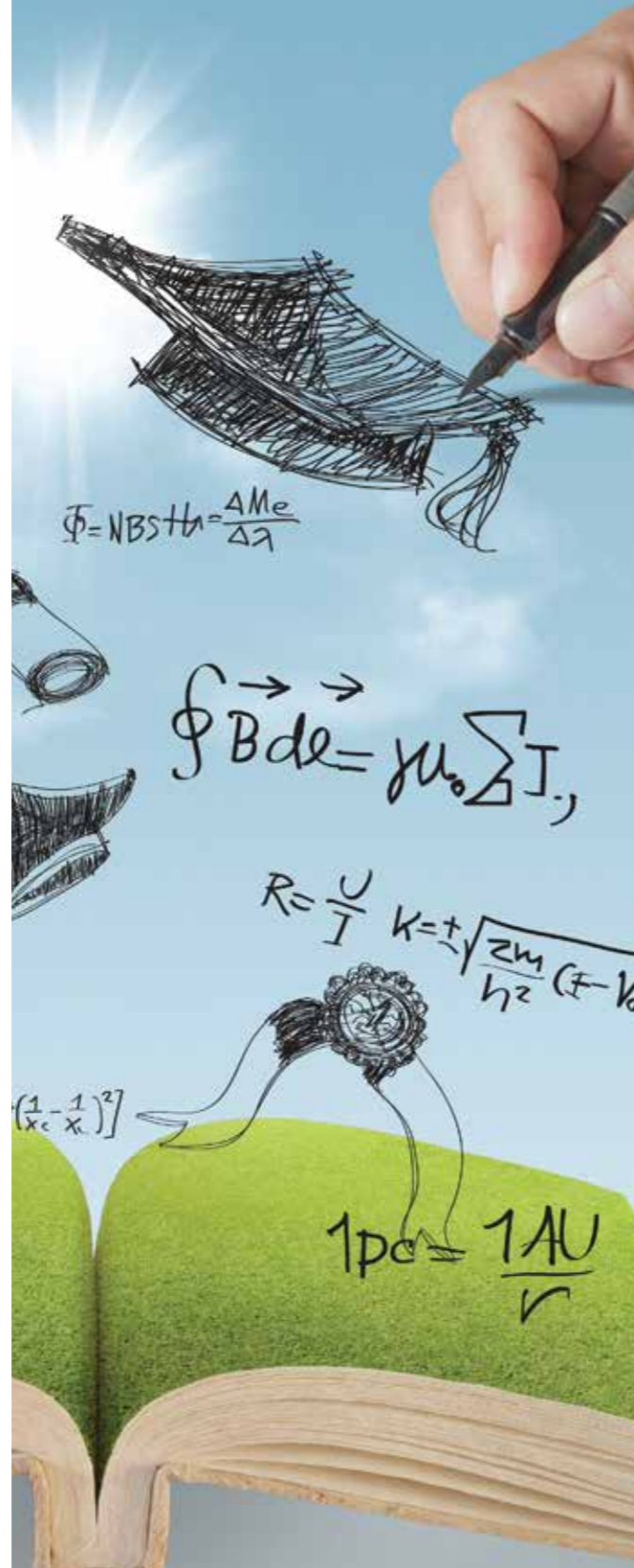
All military testing is made by appointment only. Service Members from all branches of service can take the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) and Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB) at the Base Education Center. Marine Corps, Navy, and Army personnel may retake their Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT), but are required to provide documentation before scheduling an appointment.

2. Civilian Testing:

There are a wide variety of civilian college tests conducted at the Base Education Center (Mainside) including ACT, SAT, and proctoring services. Each exam requires an appointment. To schedule an appointment please call our Mainside office.

3. Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Testing:

College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST), and Pearson VUE tests are offered through Coastline Community College located at the Base Education Center (Mainside). Students who wish to register for these tests should go to <http://military.coastline.edu/NTC/> to schedule a testing date. For more information please contact the National Test Center Administrator at (619) 375-8377.



Base Education Center

The mission of the Base Education Center (BEC) is to provide personal and professional learning opportunities through education counseling, military and civilian testing, education workshops and briefs, on-base college classes, tuition assistance, administrative support, and world-class customer service.

There are six higher education institutions aboard the base that provide academic programs from associate's to master's degrees. Along with base programs, students have options to seek programs with visiting schools.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact us at:

Phone:

(760) 725-6660/6414
Mainside Bldg. 1331

(760) 725-0606
SOI Bldg. 520512

Hours:

Mon-Thu 7am-5pm
Fri 7am-2pm

Email:

cpec@usmc.mil

Webpage:

mccsCP.com/bec

Facebook:

facebook.com/mccseducationcenter



Services Available

Academic Counseling

Need help putting the pieces together? The Base Education Center has education specialists who can offer academic guidance to active duty military personnel, family members, and federal employees who want guidance when preparing for college. Counseling appointments are one hour in length and available Mon-Fri at both locations. Please contact one of our offices to schedule an appointment.

Academic Skills Program

This program is designed to help improve reading, writing, communications, and math skills for active duty military personnel, dependents, and civilians. Academic Skills Program is not an Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT) prep course but can help members strengthen skills on subjects tested on the AFCT. This can help improve work performance and assist in future educational goals. Priority goes to enlisted Marines who have a GT score of a 99 or below. To enroll, the Acknowledgement of Responsibility letter must be signed and the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) must be taken. This program is free and requires 30-day permissive TAD orders for active-duty personnel.



Tuition Assistance

Tuition Assistance (TA) is the military's financial assistance program. Tuition assistance helps cover tuition costs for courses taken at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical institution leading to a certificate, associate, bachelors, or master's degree. Marine Corps requirements to receive tuition assistance can be found on our webpage. To apply for TA benefits go to <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil>. TA is only available to active-duty personnel and must be approved prior to the course term start date.

All first time TA users must complete the online higher education preparatory [HEP-US001] course which can be found at <https://jkodirect.jten.mil>. Once completed please email your HEP certification to cpec@usmc.mil.

All schools must have a DoD Memorandum of Understanding on file in order to receive Tuition Assistance funds. To verify your school is in compliance with this requirement please visit <http://www.dodmou.com>.

Joint Service Transcript

The Joint Service Transcript (JST) is an academically accepted record of military training that has been validated by the American Council on Education (ACE) and takes military training and translates it into civilian college credit. To view your JST or send an official transcript to a college please go to <https://jst.doded.mil>

USMAP Apprenticeship Program

This Department of Labor (DOL) program is open to all active-duty personnel and combines on-the-job training with related technical instruction. The United States Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) enhances your job skills and shows your motivation for more challenging military assignments. Having a DOL certificate of completion of apprenticeship is a definite advantage in getting better civilian jobs since employers know the value of apprenticeships. Information on the apprenticeship program is available at <https://usmap.netc.navy.mil>

Financial Aid Brief

Students who decide to apply for federal student aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit it to their school. It is strongly recommended that students create a FSA ID number at <https://fsaid.ed.gov> prior to applying for FAFSA. This username and password allows you to sign your FAFSA electronically. In addition, you may be able to have your tax information imported automatically from the IRS website. For more information and/or to submit your FAFSA go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. This application is open to EVERYONE who is or will be attending college.



Leadership Scholar Program

The Leadership Scholar Program (LSP) is a partnership between universities/colleges and the U.S. Marine Corps to help further your education. For more information visit www.LeadershipScholarProgram.com

Higher Education Track

This track is designed to assist you in creating a customized plan for a successful transition to a higher education institution. You do not need to complete the Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) track to attend. To register to attend this track please visit <https://trshighereducation.eventbrite.com>



Marine Corps COOL Program

Marine Corps (Credentialing Opportunities On-Line) COOL helps Marines find information on certifications and licenses related to their Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). Marine Corps COOL explains how Marines can meet civilian certification and license requirements and provides links to numerous resources to help get them started. Marine Corps COOL can also help you understand ways to get a credential or complete your education in order to maximize your professional development. To get started go to <https://www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/index.htm>