

DANTES – Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) is a Department of Defense organization created to help service members pursue their educational goals while continuing to serve their country. DANTES offers education support, information, resources, credentialing programs and examination programs.

The program allows you to earn a high school credential, college credit, satisfy undergraduate and graduate level college admission requirements, or gain professional certification. More than 150 subject areas are available, and most tests are offered at your local education center free of charge.

Eligibility varies according to the program and your military Service. To determine your eligibility, contact a representative of your branch of service's Voluntary Education Program – you can connect with these representatives through your Army or Air Force Education Center, Navy College Office, Marine Lifelong Learning Center or the Coast Guard Institute. You may also contact a designated DANTES Program Manager by phone or email.

EVALUATION PROGRAMS

- x **Military Evaluation Program:** Many service members can earn college credit for their military training and occupation through evaluations conducted by the American Council on Education (ACE). These credits can be applied to a college degree or a vocational certificate.
- x **Subject Matter Expert Reviews:** ACE conducts evaluations by arranging for faculty subject matter experts to evaluate Service School courses, military training, learning experiences from military service, and other factors to determine the comparability of those courses and experiences with those in the civilian education community.
- x **College Credit Recommendations:** ACE is also responsible for actively assisting schools and other appropriate agencies in understanding and using credit recommendations and evaluations. Service members and military education personnel may contact the ACE Advisory Service for assistance.

CREDENTIALING PROGRAMS

Credentialing (certification and/or licensure) documents your level of competency and achievement in a particular area from your military experience and knowledge. This program provides the equivalent of a "professional badge". DANTES has approximately 80 agreements with nationally recognized certification and licensure associations, and DANTES Test Sites administer the majority of these exams. For further information for Army and Navy Personnel, visit these Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL) websites: www.cool.army.mil or www.cool.navy.mil.

ACADEMIC EXAMINATION PROGRAMS

DANTES "Credit-By-Exam" program gives you the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement in an undergraduate course by taking an exam similar to end-of-course tests offered by colleges and universities. It is based on the premise that some individuals enrolling in college have already learned part of what is taught there. By passing these exams, you have the opportunity to earn one-third or more credits towards a college degree. The results of these exams will be forwarded to your specific military educational transcript system (i.e., AARTS, SMART, CCAF, or the Coast Guard Institute).

Types of exams offered include:

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| x College Level Examination Program (CLEP) | x General Education Development (GED) |
| x DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) | x ACT and SAT |
| x Excelsior College Examinations (ECE) | x Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) |
| x PRAXIS Series Tests | x Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) |
| | x Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) |

These examinations are administered on more than 530 military installations by the DANTES Test Control Officer (TCO), who is normally the Education Services Officer (or equivalent position in all branches of service) for the military installation.

QUESTIONS? For more information on any of the above DANTES programs, visit www.dantes.doded.mil or www.acenet.edu. For "Higher Education Reference Materials and Guides", visit www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/distribution/evals.htm

For more information, contact a helpful Education Resource Information representative today at 857-288-0973.



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