

Colleagues,

One of the key factors to meaningful employment is getting the right education and training. The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a wonderful tool to achieve that... Our Veterans and potential employers need to know that the GI Bill gives our military members and Veterans 36 months of benefits. Although that's enough time to get a degree, students and employers need to strategize to make the most of their benefits. We want to give them the tools they need to get a degree, certificate or training and have something to show for the time they put in. As well, many users vary their usage of their GI Bill benefits, going from full time, to part time, to taking a break, etc. Our On the Job Training and/or Apprenticeship are also a key benefit many Veterans and employers do not leverage.

Military experience and training can be worth college credit. The American Council on Education (ACE) Military Guide maintains a [database](#) of credit recommendations for formal courses and occupations offered by all branches of the military. Students can search for courses and occupations using the ACE identification number, military course number or title, training location, dates completed, or subject and level.

When enrolling in school, students can order an official transcript from their branch of service and send it to his or her prospective college for evaluation. Transferring military earned credits help save money and allow the student to complete a degree faster.

Finding the right school can be daunting. We've put together a guide to help students make an informed decision. Our "[Factors to Consider When Choosing a School](#)" (located on the GI Bill website that has a wealth of additional information) discusses optimizing military experience and offers other key points to consider.

Our Veterans have put in their time. They have training and experience that transfers to civilian life; we need to make sure that training and experience is acknowledged. They've earned it.

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