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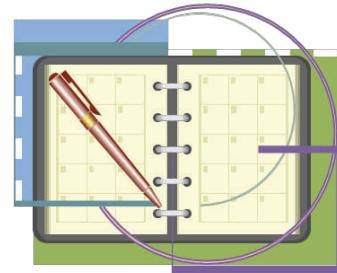
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Welcome to our new Newsletter!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our NYSACME newsletter! We hope this will help to keep everyone up-to-date in the fast-pace world of educating our Military and Veteran students. If you have any questions or items to add, please contact Kristina Norris at kristina.norris@ashford.edu.

Mark Your Calendars!

- April 12: ACAP Career Fair at Fort Drum. Contact Lorrie Guler, 315-772-3284 or lorrie.guler@us.army.mil.
- May 23: CNY Veteran Regional Consortium at Syracuse University. Contact Sarah Yaw, 315-592-4143, ext. 3078.
- July 23-27: DOD Worldwide Education Symposium in Las Vegas. See the article below for more info.

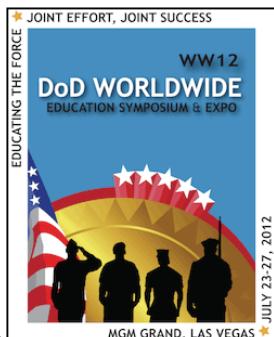


MyCAA - Education Benefits for military spouses

The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Program is an employment assistance program that provides career planning and exploration assistance, as well as up to \$4,000 of financial assistance to eligible military spouses who are pursuing a license, certification or Associate's degree in a portable career field and occupation. This initiative is jointly sponsored by the Department of Defense and the Department Labor to assist military spouses in pursuing "portable" careers that open doors for employment opportunities at various locations as they relocate with their military spouse.

To learn more, visit <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa/Default.aspx>.

DOD Worldwide Education Symposium 2012



The Department of Defense Worldwide Education Symposium 2012 (WW12) takes place July 23-27, 2012 at the MGM Grand and the Signature at MGM Grand, in Las Vegas. Held every three years, WW12 is expected to attract over 2,500 attendees, with over 50% representing DoD. The theme for WW12, is "Educating the Force - Joint Effort, Joint Success", and will explore strategies to effectively deliver voluntary education programs that enhance the Service member's capacity to serve while enabling them to improve their quality of life.

For more information, visit <https://www.ww2012.com>.

Federal News

Update on the DoD MOU



Have your renewed
your CCME
membership? The
new membership
year starts April 1st.
www.ccmeonline.org

The Department of Defense (DoD) has extended previous deadlines for institutions to sign the DoD Tuition Assistance Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). DoD has worked with the American Council on Education, several institutions of higher learning, and veterans and military interest groups to discuss the intent of the MOU, to resolve concerns and provide clarifications to strengthen the MOU provisions, and to improve the higher education community's awareness and understanding of the memorandum.

The result of this effort will be an amended MOU. Once all coordination is completed, schools will have ample opportunity to review the MOU prior to their signing and the policy going into effect. DoD anticipates the policy will go into effect during the **summer of 2012**. As soon as the staffing is completed, the amended MOU and the policy implementation date will be announced on the DoD MOU Web page (www.dodmou.com).

No school will be rendered ineligible for Tuition Assistance (TA) after March 30, 2012, if they have not signed the MOU until the policy's new implementation date. Please note, only the implementation date of the policy has changed. The policy requires all institutions participating in the TA program to have an MOU with the DoD. Institutions that have signed or are in the process of signing the DoD MOU neither have to re-sign nor make changes to their application.

Post secondary institutions must be regionally or nationally accredited to be eligible to sign the MOU. Once signed, it is effective for five years. There are currently 2,071 Parent Institutions and 3,067 Sub-Institutions, including 70 Parent Institutions in New York state, that have signed the MOU to date. NYS ACME member institutions that have signed the MOU include Ashford University, Bryant and Stratton College, Canisius College, Columbia College, Empire State College, Excelsior College, Fordham University, Jefferson Community College, Monroe College, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Upstate Medical University and Syracuse University.



Army Clarifies Course Fees Policy

Army Continuing Education recently clarified policy regarding course fees that are authorized to be paid via Tuition Assistance. Fees may no longer be "bundled" with tuition into an aggregated course cost, and instead must be itemized. Only fees that are course-specific (such as lab fees, technology fees, etc) and are 100 percent refundable if the student drops the course are eligible for Tuition Assistance. For more information, or for a determination of eligibility of specific fees, email your inquiry to usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-aces@mail.mil.