DEFENSE ACTIVITY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT TESTING PROGRAM (DANTES) includes more than 200 examinations. Testing includes: ACT, SAT, TABE test, and Practice GED. Funding is available for the GED, GMAT, GRE, CLEP, and DSST exams. If you want to take a test, check with us first! Classification testing is available and includes tests provided by HQMC and USN including the AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, ASTB, and EDPT. Test proctoring services are also available for Distance Learning college courses for service members and dependents.

THE MILITARY ACADEMIC SKILLS PROGRAM (MASP) improves skills in reading, writing, and mathematics for active-duty military personnel. Family members of active-duty personnel (18+) are invited to attend on a space-available basis. A Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) placement exam is required for admission to the program. This is an excellent resource for improving competency at work, test scores, and other testing abilities.

THE SERVICE-MEMBER OPPORTUNITY COLLEGES (SOC) is a contract-for-degree agreement between the home college and a student at the associate and bachelor’s degree levels. SOC guarantees the transfer of courses between SOC member colleges and has limited residency requirements. Agreements are available for military spouses, as well. More information is available at soc.aascu.org.

DEPLOYED EDUCATION is coordinated by MCAS Cherry Point and MCB Camp Pendleton. Deployed instructors teach basic skills and college courses to deployed Marines. Park University is the local provider for the Beaufort area.

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENTS by Education Services Specialists offers a wide range of guidance including which schools to attend and programs to study, the best tools to research education choices, distance learning compatibility, and funding options. Appointments for service members and dependents are available throughout the day and walk-ins are welcome.

ACHIEVING HIGHER EDUCATION CLASS (AHE CLASS) is a voluntary, two-day course for service members pursuing a college education that guides and assists them with preparation for the college application process. By completing this course, participants will be able to demonstrate the following: determine an appropriate college, understand college/university admissions criteria, negotiate options of how to finance their education, and network through veteran organizations. Classes are held monthly in the Education building.

For upcoming class dates and class registration on MCAS Beaufort, please call (843) 228-6670.

For upcoming class dates and class registration on Parris Island, please call (843) 228-2086.

LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR PROGRAM (LSP) is a partnership between universities/colleges and the U.S. Marine Corps. It is designed to assist honorably discharged Marines in gaining admission to over 200 colleges/universities across the country. For more information, contact your local Education Office or go to usmc-mccs.org and search “leadership scholar.”
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (USMAP) is a formal military training program that provides service members the opportunity to improve job skills and complete civilian apprenticeship requirements while on active duty. USMAP requires no off-duty hours. It combines on-the-job training and related technical instruction in which you receive practical and technical training. Upon program completion, the US Department of Labor (DoL) provides the nationally recognized "Certificate of Completion." More information is available at usmap.cnet.navy.mil.

MARINE CORPS CREDENTIALING OPPORTUNITIES ON-LINE (COOL) helps Marines find information on certifications and licenses related to their Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). COOL explains how Marines can meet civilian certification and license requirements. It also provides links to numerous resources to help get them started. Funding is available. More information is available at cool.navy.mil/usmc.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS (TTT) is a Department of Defense Program that provides funding assistance and counseling to military personnel interested in teaching as a second career. More information is available at troopstoteachers.net.

TA Decide is a Department of Defense website that provides detailed information through a comparison tool designed specifically to aid participants DoD’s Tuition Assistance (TA) program to make informed choices about schools and education programs. The TA DECIDE engine is fueled by more than 10 recognized and trusted data sources from across the Departments of Defense, Education, and Veteran Affairs. It provides a first of its kind experience, uniquely tailored to the needs of the TA participant. While this website was designed for the individual user, your Education Office can also be our partner in this process. More information is available at dodmou.com/TADECIDE.

MARINE TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) is available to all active duty Marines at 100% of the cost of tuition, up to $250 per semester hour, for an annual cap of $4,500 per fiscal year. For more information in regards to Tuition Assistance, turn to page 6 or see your base Voluntary Education Office.

NAVY TUITION ASSISTANCE is available to all active duty sailors. Navy Tuition Assistance is processed through the Navy College Office on Joint Base Charleston-Weapons Station in Goose Creek, SC. More information is available at navycollege.navy.mil.

VA EDUCATION BENEFITS are available to service members with 24 to 36 months of active duty. If you would like help activating your benefits, transferring benefits to an eligible dependent, or determining which benefits are the best fit for you, your Education Office can assist you. All questions should be directed to the VA at (888) 442-4551.

Marine Corps Tuition Assistance—Invest in Your Future

Higher education is a great investment, with benefits that last a lifetime from higher pay to better employability and many professional and personal achievements in between. Let the Marine Corps invest in you by contributing 100% of tuition, up to $250 per semester hour and $4500 per fiscal year towards your higher education goals.

ELIGIBILITY. TA can be used by service members who meet the following conditions:

1. A minimum of 2 years of active duty and 60 days remaining on active duty after completion of the course for which TA is approved
2. A minimum GT score of 100, TABE score of 10.2+ or a MASP completion certificate
3. No disciplinary actions or pending disciplinary actions
4. Eligible for promotion

If you meet these requirements, you may start the TA application process. If you do not meet these qualifications, please contact our office.

APPLYING. First time applicants should do the following:

1. Visit the Education Office for information on TA and selecting the best academic program for their educational and career goals.
2. Apply and be accepted for a degree or certificate program. Not all programs are approved for TA. Contact the Education Office to confirm a program’s eligibility.
3. Obtain a copy of the degree/academic plan with the required courses from the school.
4. Log in to Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) and complete the Higher Education Preparation Course. Print and sign the certificate.
5. Read, print, and sign the Statement of Understanding.
6. Log in to myeducation.nmc.navy.mil and upload signed Higher Education Preparation Course certificate, signed Statement of Understanding, and a degree/academic plan.
7. Contact the Education Office to review and open access to TA applications.
8. Apply for TA for the specific courses and term requested.
9. Submit the application for Command approval. The Education Office will review and provide a TA voucher after the Command approves. Be sure to allow time for the approval process as TA cannot be authorized after the start date of the class.
10. After approval, print the voucher from WebTA and sign and deliver it to the school to authorize the tuition payment.
11. Notify your Education Office of any changes (i.e. withdrawing, date changes, etc.).

TA can only be approved for courses within the next 60 days and needs to be applied for each term. To apply for TA for another term, applicants should repeat steps 8-10. Only 2 classes are funded at a time. Only 1 class is funded for first time users, applicants with a GPA below 2.5, or those who failed their last class. A failed class (D, F, W, or I) also requires repayment of TA for that class. Waivers are available for involuntary withdraws.

As always, for more information, contact your Voluntary Education Office!
Get Started with College

SHOP AROUND AT DIFFERENT SCHOOLS Visit offices, check websites, call representatives, etc. You may take classes through the colleges you find in this catalog or other approved colleges (there are hundreds). Things to consider:

a. Is the college accredited? We recommend Regional Accreditation, especially if you wish to transfer or get a higher degree later. National Accreditation may suffice, especially if the degree or certificate obtained completes your educational goals.

b. Do they offer the degree and courses you want?

c. Do they have delivery options you want? Many on-base colleges offer in-class instruction and web-based instruction.

d. Is the college reasonably priced? Tuition assistance (TA) can cover tuition through the bachelor’s degree level at many reputable, regionally accredited schools and can pay for some tuition at the master’s degree level. TA rates are $250 per semester hour, $166.67 per quarter hour and $16.67 per clock hour.

e. Ask your local Education Office about the college you are considering before you obligate yourself or sign any contract. We can ensure Tuition Assistance approval, accreditation, and sometimes reputation for the school you are considering. We also have a library with information on many different colleges you can review.

JOINT SERVICE TRANSCRIPT (JST) recommends college credit for military training in a format widely accepted by colleges and universities. The actual type and amount of credit awarded will depend on the policies of the college or university you attend and your academic goal. More information is available at jst.doded.mil.

SEND OFF FOR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS Obtain copies of your official high school transcript and official college transcripts (there may be a fee).

SOMES COLLEGES REQUIRE A LOCAL ENTRANCE TEST The purpose is to check your Math and English skill levels, especially if you are a new college student or a transfer student without English or Math credit. The SAT and ACT tests are rarely required.

YOU CAN TAKE TESTS FOR COLLEGE CREDIT We provide CLEP and DSST testing. There are dozens of tests available and lists of tests and study guides are available via your local Education Office. Test are free of charge for military personnel and at cost for family members and military civilians. Tests are given at our National Testing Center at TCL, tel. (843) 525-8344. By appointment only.

APPLY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID Federal Student Aid is money from the federal government that helps you pay for college or career school, or graduate school expenses. More than $150 billion in federal student aid is available through grants, work-study, and loans every year. For more information on eligibility and types of aid available, please visit studentaid.gov. To apply for federal student aid, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov with a copy of your tax return from the previous year.

TAKE CLASSES SERIOUSLY Set aside enough time for homework and studying. You must pass the class or pay TA back.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is a global institution holding a prominent place in aviation and aerospace education. The world's largest independent aeronautical university, ERAU has a student body of more than 21,000. Serving the Beaufort area since 1997. Open to military and civilians, and designed for the non-traditional adult student. Approved for veteran's benefits.

ASSOCIATE AND BACHELOR’S DEGREES

Aeronautics
Technical Management
Aviation Maintenance Management

Minors offered:
Aeronautical Science
Management
Engineering
Security and Safety

The Aviation Maintenance Technology Part 65 certificate is available as part of a degree or separately.

MASTERS’ DEGREES

Aeronautics
Project Management
Business Administration in Aviation
Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Specializations offered:
Aeronautics
Aerospace Education
Aerospace Management
Aerospace Operations

Aerospace Safety Systems
Human Factors in Aviation
Space Operations Management

Space Studies
Unmanned Aerospace Systems

WE AWARDCOLLEGE CREDIT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

3, 4 Levels
Enlisted/Officer technical, training schools, and courses
FAA A&P certificates
Most CLEP and DANTES exams
NCO and SNCO schools
Major Naval Command Academies and PME
Transfer credits

PROFESSIONAL & FLEXIBLE Many of our faculty are retired or active duty military personnel. We offer over 130 operation/teaching sites and 100% Tuition Assistance to active duty.

INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION ERAU Aerospace Department is ranked Number One in the country. Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

EASY ACCESS Courses are taught in five 9-week terms per year, with some evening class sessions at MCAS Beaufort or virtual learning through your computer.

DISTANCE LEARNING Distance Learning courses start monthly and run nine weeks.

ERAU OFFICE
MCAS BEAUFORT (843) 228-7585
Founded in 1875, Park University is an independent, comprehensive university noted for academic excellence, providing extended learning opportunities for military and civilians for over 100 years. Park University is open to civilian and military high school graduates or equivalent, with the desire and scholarly ability for college level achievement.

DEGREE PROGRAMS All courses required for the AS and BS degrees are offered at MCAS Beaufort or online. All degrees and courses are open to both military and civilian students. Online Master’s degrees are also available.

BACHELOR’S DEGREES (Requires 120 total credit hours including 30 hours in-residence.)
- Criminal Justice
- Management
- Management/Computer Information Systems
- Management/Health Care
- Management/Human Resources
- Management/Logistics
- Social Psychology
- Public Administration (with concentration in one of the following):
  - Business Relations
  - Criminal Justice
  - Fire Services Management
  - Homeland Security
  - Public Service

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (Requires 60 total credit hours including 15 hours in-residence.)
- Information and Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Management
- Social Psychology

ACCREDITATION AND TRANSFER Park University is accredited by national, regional and state agencies. Courses and degrees are transferable. Thousands of Park University graduates have gone on to earn advanced degrees. Students may transfer credits from courses taken at other regionally accredited colleges and universities with a course grade of “C” or better. Park also accepts CLEP, DSST, and Excelsior testing results along with transfer credit for military education.

TERM INFORMATION Courses are conducted in five 8 week terms per year. Classroom, online and blended courses are available. Classroom classes meet on weekday evenings and easily fit into a working adult’s schedule. Taking 2 courses per term qualifies as full-time enrollment status.

FINANCIAL AID Federal financial aid is available to students. Park also accepts military Tuition Assistance, Veterans Administration benefits and private financial aid. Contact the campus center for more information.

DISTANCE LEARNING Park University students are able to take online classes and can complete their degree entirely online if they choose. Our online classes are set up on the same term schedule as our classroom courses.

OFFICES
- MCAS: (843) 228-7052
- MCRD: (843) 228-3502

While stationed in Beaufort, attend the Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL), the area’s most affordable college! Participate in technology intensive higher education that equips students with the skills necessary to take advantage of excellent career possibilities.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND DIPLOMAS
- Arts & Sciences
  - Associate in Arts (transfer block)
  - Associate in Science (transfer block)
  - Associate of Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Education
- Business Technologies
  - Administrative Office Technology
  - Computer Technology
  - Culinary Arts
  - Early Care and Education
  - General Business
  - Paralegal
- Industrial Technologies
  - Avionics
  - Aviation Maintenance
  - FCC License
  - Building Construction
  - Computer Assisted Design (CAD)
  - Civil Engineering Technology
  - Criminal Justice
  - Cosmetology
  - General Technology
  - HVAC
  - Health Science
  - Massage Therapy
  - Medical Assisting
  - Nursing
  - Physical Therapist Assistant
  - Pre-Alied Health Studies
  - Radiologic Technology
  - Surgical Technology

More majors and certificates available! See tcl.edu/programs-of-study for the complete list.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Through the Continuing Education Department include Real Estate, Insurance Pre-Licensing, Phlebotomy, Customer Service, Welding, Emergency Medical Technician, and many other workforce development training areas.

ACCREDITATION is from the regional body of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For a full list of TCL accreditation, please visit tcl.edu/accreditation

TRANSFERABILITY to South Carolina and other regional 4-year schools is pre-arranged through extensive transfer agreements. As a participating institution in the SOC DNS, local service members and their spouses can be sure their credits will move with them to their next duty station and local college.

AFFORDABLE with the lowest tuition in the Lowcountry and automatic in-state tuition for military and their dependents, you can stretch your Tuition Assistance, MyCAA, and or other financial aid further and finish your degree faster.

OFFICES
- MCAS: (843) 228-7494
- MCRD: (843) 228-2659
Welcome to The University of South Carolina Beaufort. As the center for research, scholarship, and public service in the southeast coastal region of South Carolina, The University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB) offers programs in Mathematics and the Natural Sciences, Humanities, and Professional and Social Services. All curriculum encourages depth of understanding, tolerance of others, and individual accountability. USCB grounds its academic programs in rigorous Liberal Arts core curriculum, reinforced by regional strengths and needs. The intellectual and cultural keystone of the region, the University enriches residents’ quality of life through community service, symposia, presentations of the performing and fine arts, research initiatives, and partnerships with area schools, businesses and organizations.

**BACHELOR'S DEGREES**

- Biology
- Coastal Ecology and Conservation
- Biomedical Sciences
- Business Administration
- Accounting
- Management
- Marketing
- Saturday Business Degree Plan
- Saturday Military Degree Plan
- Communication Studies
- Computational Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- English (Writing)
- Health Promotion
- History
- Hospitality Management
- Human Services
- Liberal Studies
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Science
- Secondary Education
- Nursing
- Pre-Licensure Track
- RN to BSN
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- General Spanish
- Heritage Studies
- Studio Art
- Media Arts

**TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Tuition Assistance is available to qualified active duty military. Military students and family members may also be eligible for other financial aid such as grants, student loans, and scholarships. Contact the USCB Financial Aid Office for more information at (843) 521-3104.

**COLLEGE CREDIT AWARDED**

Military experience can be evaluated for college credit for fully-admitted freshmen or transfer students. Up to 15 hours can be awarded toward an associate degree and 30 hours toward a bachelor’s degree. Credit awards will vary, depending on the degree program pursued.

**CAREER SERVICES**

The Academic Success Center provides the following free services for USCB students to assist with career-related issues: individual career counseling; information on graduate schools; an employment notebook; the South Carolina Occupational Information System (SCOIS); access to and support of the USC Career Website; a career resource library; resume and cover letter review; and class presentations.

**UNIVERSITY LOCATIONS**

As a USC Beaufort student you are welcome to attend classes at two separate locations in Beaufort County, the Historic Beaufort Campus on Carteret Street in downtown Beaufort and the Gateway to Hilton Head Campus in Okatie near the turn off to Hilton Head Island.

**USCB OFFICES**

MCAS: (843) 388-8211
MCRD: (843) 208-8149

"The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth."
John F. Kennedy
MCAS BEAUFORT LIBRARY RESOURCES
Internet & email access
Xerox copier & scanner
Research & reference
ProQuest Database (online information service and research database)
NewsBank Database (keep track of news back home with more than 400 local and regional newspapers)
Education & Reference Section (College courses or curiosity, we have study guides for CLEP and DSST tests. Textbooks and magazines currently in use for coursework at Park University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Please ask at the circulation desk)
Military Section (assortment of materials on military tactics, strategy, biography, and fiction covering all wars and conflicts in which America took part and the US Marine Corps Reading List)
Quiet study room available for small group usage

COLLECTIONS: Aviation Journals, Books on Tape, Books on CD-ROM, Best Sellers, Videos, Inter-Library Loans, Reserve Book Service and Tax Forms

MCAS Beaufort Library Hours
Monday-Thursday 0800-2000
Friday 0800-1500
Saturday 1200-1700
Sunday Closed

CONTACT: (843) 228-7682
Bldg 596 (Training + Education)

MCRD PARRIS ISLAND LIBRARY RESOURCES
Internet & email access
Xerox copier & scanner
Research & reference
ProQuest Database (online information service and research database)
NewsBank Database (keep track of news back home with more than 400 local and regional newspapers)
Education & Reference Section (College courses or curiosity; we have study guides for ASVAB, CLEP, SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT & LSAT)
South Carolina Section (Information and history about our state; fiction and non-fiction by local writers)
The General A.M.Gray Warrior Library Military Section (only on Parris Island. A large collection of military tactics, military strategy, biography, and fiction, covering all wars and conflicts in which America took part—starting with the Revolutionary War and the US Marine Corps Reading List)

COLLECTIONS: Books on Tape, How-To Information Videos, Inter-Library Loans, Reserve Book Service, Tax Forms, Magazines, Other Periodicals and Newspapers.

MCRD Parris Island Library Hours
Monday-Thursday 0900-1800
Friday 0900-1400
Saturday Closed
Sunday 1000-1600

CONTACT: (843) 228-1672
Bldg 283 (above Visitors’ Center)

FIND US AT: mcco-sc.com/mil/fam/libraries.shtml
Contacts

Education Offices
  MCRD: (843) 228-2152 • MCAS: (843) 228-7484
  Website: mccs-sc.com/mil-fam/VolEd

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
  MCAS Beaufort: (843) 228-7585
  Website: worldwide.erau.edu/locations/beaufort

Park University
  MCRD: (843) 228-3502 • MCAS: (843) 228-7052
  Website: park.edu/beaufort

Technical College of the Lowcountry
  Main Campus: (843) 525-8211
  MCRD: (843) 228-2659 • MCAS: (843) 228-7494
  Website: tcl.edu

University of South Carolina Beaufort
  MCAS: (843) 368-8211
  MCRD: (843) 208-8149
  Website: uscb.edu

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