

Top Colleges & Universities

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KMI Media and *Military Advanced Education* are proud to announce our first annual review of top colleges and universities for the servicemember. These are schools that are significant players in military education, whether for number of military contracts, number of military students served, availability of financial aid and scholarships, or other “military-friendly” qualities.

Military Advanced Education posted the entry form on its Website and contacted over 100 colleges and universities. The entries were judged by an independent panel of judges. KMI Media and *Military Advanced Education* reserve the right to reject applicants for subjective reasons.

It was difficult to choose among so many qualified applicants, offering a diverse choice of options for service men and women. The top 10 schools and the rest of the top schools are listed alphabetically.

The Top 10



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American Military University continues to be one of the top providers of academic programs to the military community. AMU was founded by a former Marine officer and has long been recognized as a military-friendly school. Our policies and benefits provide an affordable and flexible learning environment for all military members, including undergraduate book grant, tuition costs that do not exceed the DoD cap, monthly class starts, 8 or 16 week terms, flexible withdrawal and extension policies, faculty that understand the military environment and 40 percent of senior management are veterans.

We constantly measure student satisfaction through a battery of surveys. Ratings are based on a five-point scale with feedback consistently scoring 4.2 or better; a clear affirmation of our commitment to serving the needs of our students.

CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE

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At Central Texas College, we identify and serve our unique, global community needs and provide quality teaching through an accessible learning environment. Proud to serve military students for over 40 years, Central Texas College is a public, open-admission community college offering associate degrees and certificate programs in academic, professional and vocational/technical fields. With its main campus in Killeen, Texas, and over 100 other locations around the world, Central Texas College serves over 70,000 students online, on military. CTC is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, to award associate degrees and certificates of completion.



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Coastline has a long history of educational innovation. It was originally founded in 1975 as a college without walls, dedicated to distance learning. Drawing upon its vast experience producing Emmy award-winning telecourse content and its extensive selection of internet and CD-ROM courses, Coastline began specifically serving the military audience in the very early 1980s. Now, Coastline even offers courses in cutting-edge technologies like handheld devices (PDAs) Smart Phones and virtual gaming worlds. Coastline graduated over 1,500 military graduates in 2007, from every branch of service and throughout the world—as near as your local base and as far as Iraq, Afghanistan and Antarctica. They are a regionally accredited college based out of Fountain Valley, California. The school offers multiple MOS/AFSC/Rating related degrees, and can award up to 40 AARTS/SMART/CCAF/other military credits toward a degree.



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Colorado Technical University boasts a 40-year history of serving the military and thousands of military graduates from all branches of our armed services. CTU is committed to helping students find the financing solution that is best for them. Some of the options may include scholarships, grants, student loans, work study, company tuition reimbursement, VA and other military benefits, and personal investment. Financial aid is available to those who qualify. With Colorado Tech Online, we've mobilized our degree programs to make them even more accessible for the men and women who bravely serve their country. Our mobile learning technology allows us to deliver a 24/7/365 academic experience to anyone with Internet access. CTU is a DANTES-affiliated university and member of the Servicemembers Opportunity College, with military-savvy Admissions Advisors standing by to help you take command of your future with a career-focused degree program.

The Top 10



EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

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Excelsior College, a regionally-accredited institution and CCME Institutional Award recipient for advancing the cause of military education, has served our military community for over 35 years, offering over 40 degree programs in business, health sciences, nursing, liberal

arts and technology. With no residency requirements, enrolled students maximize previously-earned and transfer credits from military training, other colleges' courses, and examinations. Excelsior College has been repeatedly top-ranked for transfer students by *U.S. News & World Report*. The college is a member of SOCAD, SOCCOAST, SOCMAR and SOCNAV degree networks. More than 40 Excelsior College examinations are funded 100 percent by DANTES for active duty, National Guard and Reserves personnel.



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Saint Leo University: Serving Those Who Serve Our Nation. Saint Leo University has provided degree programs to the military community for over 35 years.

Saint Leo serves students on military bases in five states and worldwide through our Center for Online Learning. Thousands of military students from all branches of service have earned their Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's degree from Saint Leo University since 1973. Saint Leo provides flexible, convenient, and affordable academic excellence with superior customer service via multiple delivery formats (Classroom, Online, Video-Teleconferencing, CD-ROM and PDA). In a recent survey of graduates 97 percent of respondents said they would recommend Saint Leo to a friend.

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- University grant covers all book costs for eligible undergrad students
- Maximum transfer credit
- Classes start monthly

AMU is a member of the regionally accredited American Public University System which serves 25,000 civilian and military students in 100 countries.

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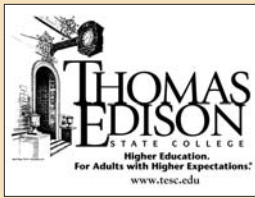
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The Top 10



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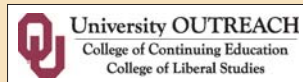
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Throughout its history, Thomas Edison State College has served military personnel worldwide. The college is a long-standing member of SOC and provides flexible educational opportunities to accommodate the challenges faced by our servicemembers. In addition to our online courses, we offer formats that do not require the use of internet in order to serve those students with limited connectivity. We also recognize the difficulty in pursuing education while undergoing frequent transitions. In response, we accept direct transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions, military transcripts, certificates and licenses, CLEP, DSST and Excelsior exams; we accept the ACE recommended credit for all of the above. If we cannot do a direct transfer, students have the option to document prior learning for course credit as well. The college also strives to meet the needs of students on an individual basis, keeping residency requirements low and providing services specific to their unique circumstances.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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As it celebrates its 60th anniversary, University of Maryland University College (UMUC) continues to focus on the education and professional development needs of adult students whose busy schedules require that they balance school with full-time jobs and family or community responsibilities. Under contract to the U.S. Department of Defense, UMUC is the leading education provider for the U.S. military, providing classes and services to active-duty servicemembers and their dependents online and at locations in the national capital area, as well as at bases overseas throughout Europe, Africa and Asia. Services are also available at numerous bases throughout the United States.



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Since 1942, the University of Oklahoma has provided quality educational programs for the military. These range from graduate degree programs that bring Norman campus professors—virtually all of

whom hold a Ph.D. on site to military students around the world; to independent study college courses; to an online high school. In addition to online undergraduate degrees, OU offers public service seminars for military families and participates in GoArmyEd program and the Navy PACE program. OU's accommodation policy enables every military student in every location to complete his or her education.

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

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Webster University is nationally recognized for its innovative resident and online graduate programs and academic support to the military. Serving the military since 1974, Webster currently offers programs or advising centers at 56 military installations and has partnerships at 21 professional military schools, including the prestigious Command and General Staff College and Joint Forces Staff College. Webster is consistently ranked by U.S. News and World Report as a Top Ranked School, graduates more minority graduate students than any other university in the U.S. and counts among its military alumni over 70 active duty generals, astronauts and world leaders.



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AIU Online is ideally suited to mobile military lifestyles because our industry-current, career-focused degree programs are accessible 24/7/365 and are as close as the nearest internet connection. For the brave men and women of our military, AIU Online waives its application fee and offers the services of trained military admissions advisors and financial aid personnel. AIUI Online is DANTES-affiliated, a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity College, and a preferred school of the Special Operations Command. At AIU Online, dreams don't get deferred; they get deployed, because our convenience and portability create opportunities for students to take advantage of their military education benefit while they serve their country.

BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY

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The mission of Bellevue University is to provide distinctive professional, business, information technology and liberal arts

education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The University engages adult learners through active-learning design and innovative, applied curriculum. Graduates are empowered to be productive and responsible citizens who have gained the knowledge and expertise to advance themselves and their organizations, companies and communities.



CAPELLA UNIVERSITY

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The mission of Capella University is to extend access to high quality bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and certificate programs for adults who seek to maximize their personal and professional potential. This mission is fulfilled through innovative programs that are responsive to the needs of adult learners and involve active, engaging, challenging and relevant learning experiences offered in a variety of delivery modes. Capella University has a reputation of being military friendly because of our policies that support servicemembers, veterans, and their families. We extend a military discount to active duty personnel, their immediate family members, and veterans. We also provide five \$10,000 Spirit of Capella Scholarships to learners who have been injured in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

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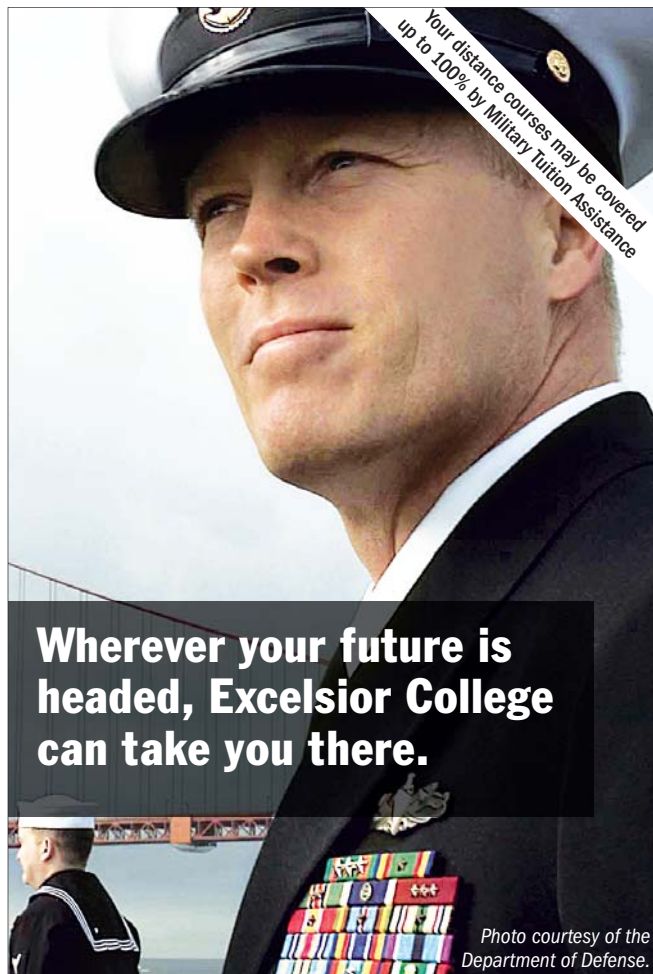
Central Michigan University is a recognized leader in off-campus programs, offering high-quality, convenient, accredited degree programs at military installations since 1972. Today CMU offers classes online and at military bases throughout the country to serve the needs of military students and their families.

CMU is actively involved in organizations (CCME, ACME, DoD Worldwide) that support and further the military's educational initiatives. In keeping with its long tradition of serving members of the armed forces, CMU has again committed to honoring the military assistance tuition cap of \$250 per credit hour for military members and families for the 2007/2008 academic year.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY-PUEBLO

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The University makes available a broad array of credit and non-credit courses, seminars and workshops through the Division of Continuing Education. Some programs are offered on campus and others at off-campus sites



Your distance courses may be covered up to 100% by Military Tuition Assistance

Wherever your future is headed, Excelsior College can take you there.

Photo courtesy of the Department of Defense.

If you are looking to advance your career opportunities, Excelsior College has everything you want in distance learning:

- Affordable, flexible, accredited*
- Over 40 certificate, associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs
- Four military focused programs *designed specifically* to advance servicemembers' careers
- Courses offered online, via CD-ROM and MP3 format; Excelsior College Exams free through DANTES
- Maximum transfer of prior college credit and military training

*See excelsior.edu for details

Start your future today!
Visit military13.excelsior.edu
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more convenient to persons living outside of Pueblo. Off-campus instruction sites include Colorado Springs Citadel Center, Peterson Air Force Base, and Fort Carson. A primary aim of the Division of Continuing Education is to provide courses to part-time students. A variety of educational methods—classroom instruction, correspondence courses, on-line courses, conferences, workshops and seminars—are utilized to expand educational access and meet the needs of students at convenient times and settings. Students may earn academic credit toward a degree, study for career advancement, or pursue cultural and avocational interests.



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One of the nation's first online universities, Columbia Southern University serves more than 4,000 military members. Open enrollment, flexible courses, and affordable tuition allow soldiers to achieve a quality education. Transfer credit is awarded for military training, professional experience, and prior coursework. Up to 75 percent of undergraduate courses and 50 percent of graduate courses can be transferred. All service members receive

an application fee waiver. Immediate family receives the waiver and a 10 percent tuition discount. Scholarships are also available. Approved to offer DANTES, TA and VA benefits, CSU is also a member of GoArmyEd and Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

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Duquesne offers several online master's and accelerated bachelor's degrees. Courses are also offered in Pittsburgh and at Fort Indiantown Gap. Study areas include: leadership; security administration; criminal justice and forensic science; ethics; and technology. Student and academic support services include: extensive online library resources; online tutoring and writing center; access to advisors six days per week via phone, email and live chat; and deferred billing. Duquesne is responsive to the needs of the military and will provide on-base courses, blended courses and customized programs. Duquesne uses technology such as podcasting, simulations, case studies and video to enhance learning.

FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Urban Resource Center
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Florida Community College is a two-year public institution located in Jacksonville, Fla., with more than 35 years experience serving the military's education

and training needs. The college provides military training and education at NTC Great Lakes, Ill.; NATTC Pensacola, Fla.; NAS Jacksonville, Fla.; and NS Mayport, Fla. The Military Education Institute (MEI) was established in 1999 to provide management and oversight for contracted and non-contracted military education and training globally. The MEI promotes a culture of continuous learning and is committed to delivering college degree and certificate programs that augment sailors' professional training. By combining general education courses with professional training that articulate to college credit, the college provides sailors the opportunity to earn certifications and degrees which can be completed any place, any time.



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Established in 1951, Grantham has contributed to the formal education of thousands of military service members around the world. Our degree programs are flexible, portable and designed with servicemembers in mind. Grantham University offers a military scholarship and discount program for active duty, reserve, guard, veterans and military family members. Grantham's courses are 100 percent online, allowing students

to study at home, at work, on Temporary Duty (TDY) or from almost anywhere in the world. Grantham offers online undergraduate and graduate degree programs in criminal justice, business administration, business management, interdisciplinary studies, computer science and other technology related fields.

HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

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Hawaii Pacific University supports military voluntary education as an institutional network member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, through flexible classroom or online course delivery, through our military spouse scholarship program and as a National Testing Center.

Military Campus Programs seeks to provide an effective and challenging education for all military service members, their families, and U.S. Government civilian personnel. We recognize their need for flexibility without sacrificing academic integrity in educational programs. We strive to maximize the potential for distance education as an alternative delivery mode to educate our students in an ever-changing global environment.

JONES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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A dynamic, relevant and focused education is critical to

advancing your military career, preparing you for your next career, or empowering you to leverage your past military experience in your chosen profession.

Jones International University (JIU) is a long-time supporter of service members and their families, JIU offers high-quality, accredited doctorate, graduate and undergraduate academic programs in the fields education and business—all delivered in a flexible, 100 percent online format for ultimate convenience.



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Kansas State University has provided educational opportunities to the military and their families for over 60 years, working on post at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth, the Manhattan campus, and through distance education. K-State accommodates the educational needs of soldiers and officers through 2+2 agreements with community colleges, distance education programs, combatives courses, SOCAD agreements, on-site programs at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth, and participation in GoArmyEd. Quality, affordability through in-state tuition, flexibility of educational options, and continued soldier-student success make K-State a leading educational institution for military students. An example of K-State's investment

in military students appears at <http://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/oct07/combatives102507.html>

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
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Education that goes where you go: National University's flexible online and on-base programs in an intensive one-course-per-month format meet the unique challenges of military personnel. Courses start each month, so students can enroll when the time is right. We make every credit count: National University belongs to the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium, which means coursework is completely transferable to any other SOC institution. In addition, National accepts DANTES and CLEP examinations offered through the military voluntary education program. Giving back to the military: National University offers reduced tuition rates for military personnel and their dependents who take on-base and online courses.

OLYMPIC COLLEGE
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In response to the limited internet access of submariners, Olympic College, located in the Naval Base Kitsap region, developed Portable Courses on a USB drive, run independent of a computer's operating system, do not require an internet connection and are teacher led.

New courses are added each quarter. ESOL classes are now offered on base. A TAP program focuses on helping entrepreneurs transition into the business world. In response to requests from the Marines, we created a Mid East Culture and Language course and teach classes in the restricted area. A new degree in Organizational Leadership launched this year.

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale instituted degree programs for service personnel in 1973. These programs have been designed around the beliefs that the University provides high quality programs that meet the needs of diverse population's unique delivery systems are appropriate and achievable. They enrich student and faculty lives thru interaction that ultimately contributes to the betterment of our servicemembers and our nation as a whole. SIUC is proud of their long and distinguished history of providing educational services to special populations around the globe. Such services are central to the mission of the University.



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Strayer University is a proprietary institution of higher learning that offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business administration, accounting, information technology, education and public administration to more than 32,000 working adults at 51 campuses in 12 states including Washington, D.C., and worldwide via the Internet through Strayer University Online. Strayer University is committed to providing an education that prepares working adult students for advancement in their careers and professional lives. Strayer University offers a military scholarship for all active duty personnel. Strayer University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

TUI UNIVERSITY

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TUI University (formerly Touro University International) is a regionally accredited, fully online university offering bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees with no residency requirement. TUIU, designed for adult learners, busy professionals, and the U.S. military, provides access to affordable, high quality education via the Internet, using state-of-the-art technology

in an effective e-learning environment. Experienced, doctorally prepared faculty is flexible and supportive of military students whose jobs often require unexpected change or transfer. Outstanding student services and IT support systems provide students with relevant and timely information and guidance. No required textbook purchase and free access to cyberlibrary.



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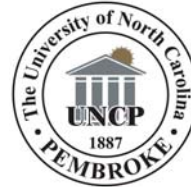
The University of Mary was founded in 1955 by the Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery with a mission to serve the religious, academic and cultural needs of the people in the region. It achieved university status in 1986.

Today it offers undergraduate programs in 44 majors, seven master's degrees and a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

The University of Mary has continued its mission by expanding learning options, making education accessible to working adults and supporting lifelong learning. The University offers accelerated undergraduate and graduate programs for adult learners in 16 cities and online. Graduate degrees may be completed in as little as 15 months.

The University of Mary grants

graduate military scholarships to active duty military or National Guard students who are eligible for tuition assistance.



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UNCP is committed to providing higher education opportunities and degree completion programs to military personnel and their families. Located approximately 40 miles from Fort Bragg, N.C., which will soon become one of the world's largest commands, UNCP campaigned in 2003 to offer its degree programs at Fort Bragg. Based upon UNCP's proven academic rigor, the University was approved to offer seven degree programs at Fort Bragg (see above). Offering higher education at Fort Bragg is a privilege and top priority at UNCP. The University makes available all resources necessary to provide a quality education for service members and their families.



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