

## Award of Credit for Military Education and Training

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic / Degree Progression

Policy Owner: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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### Policy Summary:

This policy facilitates timely certificate and degree completion for veterans by awarding credit for military education and training and providing comprehensive advising services, in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes 23-5-145 (2017).

### Policy Statement:

Fort Lewis College recognizes the value of military education and training. To support timely certificate and degree completion for active-duty and veteran military personnel, the College provides the following services:

#### 1. Credit Awarding Process:

- Students may receive up to 90 credits toward their degree by submitting any of the following official documents:
  1. DD-214 form;
  2. Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES) score reports or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) scores;
  3. Joint Services Transcript (JST);
  4. Transcripts from other Colorado institutions showing credit awarded based on portfolio review;
  5. Transcripts for coursework completed before, during, or after military service at regionally accredited colleges or universities.

#### 2. Re-Awarding of gtPathways Credit:

- If a student has been awarded gtPathways credit by another Colorado institution based on documents listed in items 2–4 above, that credit will be re-awarded by Fort Lewis College without requiring resubmission of the documents.

#### 3. Credit Evaluation:

- The Registrar or designee will evaluate all prior learning before the student's first semester of attendance. Evaluations will follow the College's credit evaluation policies and utilize recommendations from the American Council on Education (ACE) for DANTES, CLEP, and JST score reports.
4. **Advising Services:**
- The Associate Provost for Faculty and Student Affairs or a designee will guide active duty and military veterans in program selection and provide an efficient path to completion during their first semester advising and subsequent semesters, even when a faculty advisor is assigned as the primary advisor.
5. **Veterans Affairs Compliance:**
- The Registrar or designee will monitor compliance with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) standards for students receiving VA benefits, as outlined in the School Certifying Official Handbook.
6. **Priority Registration:**
- Active duty and veteran military personnel are eligible for priority registration privileges on the first day of registration.
7. **Notification of Policy:**
- Students will be informed of this policy through:
    1. Email communications from the Registrar or designee regarding certification of military benefits;
    2. Postings on the Admissions and Skyhawk Station websites
    3. Publication in the **Academic Policies and Procedures** section of the annual Catalog of Courses, effective with the 2018-2019 academic year.

Responsibilities:

*For oversight of the policy:* Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

*For procedures for implementing policy:* Registrar, Director of Admission, Vice President for Academic Affairs

*For enforcement of the policy:* Registrar's Office, VA School Certifying Official

Definitions: (Optional)

Procedures: (Optional)

Cross-Referenced Policies:

Colorado Revised Statutes 23-5-145 (2017)  
School Certifying Official Handbook  
Priority Registration Policy

Consequences of Non-Compliance: (optional)

Review and Revision History:

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