Voluntary Education and Navy College

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Before You Begin

- Continuous Learning as a Sailor is an expectation
  - Professional Military
  - Technical
  - Academic
  - Personal

- Download the Navy College Program Mobile App from the App Store or Google Play

- Before you talk to an Academic Institution:
  - Take time to prepare yourself
  - Navigate through the Navy College Program website and Mobile App
  - Explore the online tutorial/wizard and training tools to understand the education process and pitfalls
  - Contact a Navy College Education Counselor

You Will Be Supported as a Lifelong Learner
Navy College Counseling

- **MyNavy Portal**

- **Navy College Virtual Education Center (NCVEC)**
  - [https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/](https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/)
  - Provides education counseling
  - Provides assistance to Sailors via virtual tools
  - Processes Tuition Assistance requests
  - Communication channels: Chat, Electronic Help Requests, Email, Telephone

- **OCONUS Navy College Offices**
  - Yokosuka, Atsugi, Misawa, Sasebo, Guam, Pearl Harbor, Rota, Naples, Sigonella, Bahrain, Guantanamo Bay

- **Navy College Program Region Advisors**
  - Norfolk, Jacksonville, San Diego, Kitsap
  - Facilitate education fairs, base access for visiting schools, command briefs
Voluntary Education Process

- Explore education and career paths
- Receive counseling from Navy College Education Counselor
- Research, select a school, and develop a plan
- Automated Tuition Assistance (or other funding)
  - All Voluntary Education (VOLED) prerequisites must be met or system won’t allow you to fill out WebTA application
  - Command Approver verifies each Sailor’s eligibility and approves
  - WebTA application is automatically approved and a voucher is created
  - You must send the voucher to your school for processing and course payment
- Execute your plan
At Sea Education

- Automated NCPACE-DL (Navy College Program for Afloat College Education-Distance Learning)
  - Eligibility similar to TA, several overlaps
  - Same registration process as WebTA Automation
  - You will need a proctor (usually command’s ESO)
  - Guided individual study
  - Sailor completes self-contained course(s) while underway
  - Sailor sends required materials back to the academic institution offering the course for grading and credit
New Tuition Assistance Policy

- NAVADMIN 114/19 *(Effective 01 October 2019)*
- Two years time in service required
- Semester hours capped at 12\(^1\) per Fiscal Year
- Funding is capped at 120 semester hours\(^1\) per career\(^2\)
- New Sailors are encouraged to focus on getting qualified in their jobs
- To explore other personal and professional development opportunities available contact NCVEC (Navy College Virtual Education Center) at 877-838-1659

1-Or equivalent quarter hours
2-Excludes courses taken toward HS diploma
Navy College Virtual Education Center

NCVEC
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Other Funding Options

- **CLEP/DSST**
  - Exams for credit
  - Fully funded for active duty
  - Over 60 subjects to choose from

- **Financial Aid**
  - Eligible for all Financial Aid
  - Submit FAFSA
  - Parents’ income no longer factored in
  - Scholarship Search Engines: Fastweb, CollegeBoard, etc.

- **Self Pay**
  - Investing in yourself is always a good investment

- **GIBill**
  - Two Chapters available
    - Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill
    - Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill

**A Little Extra**
Career Development Options

Navy COOL and USMAP

- Develop skills in your primary and collateral duties
- Get set up for a future career
- Proof of expertise for both Navy and future employment

Navy COOL (Credentialing Opportunities OnLine)

- Pays for credentialing and licensing exams related to
  - Primary Job
  - Collateral Duties
  - Degrees
  - Leadership
  - Apprenticeship
  - Example: Networking+ from CompTIA

Credentialing
Career Development Options

- **USMAP (United Services Military Apprenticeship Program)**
  - Free
  - No Off-duty Study Required
  - Earn U. S. Department of Labor Certificate
Recommendation & Way Ahead

- **Recommendation:**
  - Take a deliberate approach to managing your career and future
  - Understand you are preparing for the unknown
  - Continue to seek knowledge

- **Next Steps:**
  - Assess which tools are best for you
  - Learn how they work and use them to develop a plan
  - Write it down
  - Work it
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