

Military Academic Advancement Program

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Are you looking to further your education? Are you ready to jumpstart or advance a portable career serving the military community? If so, it's time to check out the Military Academic Advancement Program. This program provides you with a chance to earn an undergraduate degree, graduate degree or graduate certificate at a nationally accredited university at your convenience.

The Military Academic Advancement Program was developed in 2012 through the Department of Defense/Department of Agriculture Partnership for Military Families. The program is an initiative of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, a partnership among several public universities. The Military Academic Advancement Program offers convenient online degree and certificate programs in four areas: early care and education for a mobile society, family and community services, family financial planning, and youth development. These degree programs are great for service members transitioning out of the military, veterans, military spouses and civilian professionals who want to serve the military community.

If you've struggled to figure out how to manage going to school while coping with the reality of the mobile military life, this program could be the answer. You can complete your degree in a fully online program, which means you can do your coursework anytime, anywhere. The participating universities have faculty and administrators experienced in working with military families, as well as teaching on installations and consulting with family support agencies. The participating universities are also nationally accredited and well respected. They include Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Texas Tech University, the University of Missouri and Michigan State University.

So how does the program work? To apply, students select one university to be their "home" institution. This is where you will apply, enroll and pay tuition. Once enrolled, you will be able to take courses offered by other universities in the program as part of your coursework. On the program's website, you'll find a helpful timeline with deadlines that tell you what you need to do at different time periods prior to the semester in which you wish to enroll. For example, at least six months prior to the start of the semester, you should get in touch with one of the campus coordinators who can assist you in gathering information to help you choose a home university and complete the application process.

Paying for your degree is simplified; students pay a negotiated common price per credit hour to the home institution. Financial aid may be available through your chosen university and veterans' benefits are also accepted. The program's website has additional financial aid information.

Individuals who complete the program will be qualified to work in a variety of settings, both on and off of military installations, including military and family support centers, child and youth development programs, correctional facilities, emergency shelters and crisis centers.

To learn more about the Military Academic Advancement Program, visit the website at www.hsidea.org/maap. You can also contact the campus coordinator at participating universities to get more information or to start the application process.

Make a lasting impact on your financial security and your overall quality of life — check out the Military Academic Advancement Program today!

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