




Illinois Board of Higher Education
Academic Affairs:
Military-Related Initiatives

A presentation for the Military Prior
Learning Assessment Task Force
February 3, 2016



Task Force Charge

The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on how to best effectuate the recognition of military learning for academic credit, industry-recognized credentials, and college degrees through the use of the prior learning assessment.

TF Directives

- 1) Examine the history of the PLA and its impact on military students
- 2) Examine policies and practices in other states to identify best practices
- 3) Determine current policies and practices in this State
- 4) Review quality standards

TF Directives

- 5) Consider alternative means to award academic credit for military students
- 6) Consider transferability of academic credit awarded by PLA and student mobility
- 7) Consider the importance of recognition of industry-recognized credentials
- 8) Consider the acceptance of industry-recognized credentials and academic credit credentials or degrees by licensing bodies

AA Focus

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- 2) Other states' best practices
 - 3) Current policies and practices in Illinois
 - 4) Quality standards
 - 5) Alternative means to award academic credit
 - 6) Transferability of PLA credit
 - 7 & 8) Industry-recognized credentials & licensing

Essential Partners

Collaboration and Alignment

- ★ Illinois Joining Forces
 - ★ Discharged
Servicemember
Taskforce
 - ★ Council of Adult and
Experiential Learning
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Illinois
Military
Credit
Initiatives

Licensure

Federal Mandate and State Commitment

Federal Veteran Employment Task Force,
Subcommittee on Credentialing &
Licensing (2012)

Gov. Pat Quinn's Executive Order 13-02
(2013). *Lead Agency: IDVA*

- ★ Requires affected agencies to determine gaps between military education & training and professional licensure requirements.
 - ★ Gap assessment should aid institutions in creating bridge programs and service members in identifying outstanding requirements.
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Collaborative Partners

- ★ Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
 - ★ Illinois Department of Public Health
 - ★ Illinois Department of Employment Security
 - ★ Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard)
 - ★ Illinois Office of the Fire Marshal
 - ★ Illinois Community College Board
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Education Waivers

- ★ Illinois State Police
- ★ Illinois Conservation Police
- ★ Municipal Police and Firefighters
- ★ Commercial Driver's License (Military Skills Test Waiver Program)

Bridges to Licensure

- ★ Licensed Practical Nurse
 - ★ Police Patrol Officers
 - ★ Emergency Medical Technician – Basic
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Illinois
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Articulation

Military Training Counts (MTC) Pilot Schools

College of DuPage

Heartland Community College

Kaskaskia College

College of Lake County

Moraine Valley Community College

Southwestern Illinois College

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Program Articulations

College of DuPage

- Criminal Justice
- Fire Science
- Automotive Technology

Heartland Community College

- Electrical and Electronics Repair
- Computer Support

Kaskaskia College

- Network Administration
- Automotive Technology
- Truck Driver Training
- Criminal Justice

College of Lake County

- Criminal Justice
- Automotive Technology
- Network Administration and Security
- Nursing
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician

Southwestern Illinois College

- Electrical and Electronics Repair



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Multi-State
Collaborative on
Military Credit (MCMC)
www.mhec.org/mcmc

MCMC

- ★ 13-state initiative
- ★ Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC)
- ★ 3- year, \$900,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation



Participating States

Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
North Dakota
Ohio
South Dakota
Wisconsin

MCMC Workgroups

Articulation of Academic Credit

Licensure and Certification

Communication and Outreach

Data, Technology and Systems

Project Goal

Identify policies and practices to help military service members, veterans, and their families to overcome barriers to access, participation, and completion of a postsecondary credential and entrance into the workforce.

Accomplishments

Webinar: Prior Learning Assessment:
An overview of Relevant Criteria and
Assumed Practices

Webinar: State Data Capture for
Veterans and Servicemembers

Information sharing and compilation
of state and institutional resources

Partnership with CAEL to develop a
central information portal for veterans

Goals

Scaling up the Military Training Counts
articulation pilot project

Convening a leadership planning group
across agencies and initiatives

Coordinating institutional trainings to
assist Illinois institutions in developing
articulations

Exploring the role of 4-year institutions
in military credit articulation

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