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

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

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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
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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Federal Mandate and State Commitment


★ 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.
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
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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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

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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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