

Using the JST, other military transcripts and the ACENET Military tools to help veterans

The Joint Service Transcript

Introductions

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This workshop will include:

- History of the JST
- Walkthrough of a JST
- Using a JST to assist a veteran with employment
- Using ACENET Online tools
- Using Military translators and crosswalks
- Assisting Veterans in college in 2015

Story of 2 college students

- My niece Rachel
- 18 when entering college
- 30 AP credits from her high school work accepted at her college

Story of 2 college students

- "Sarah"
- 30 year old Army veteran
- 10 years military service
- Worked as an IT specialist for 5 of the 10 years
- Received 3 college credits (3 phys ed credits for boot camp)

What is a Joint Service Transcript?

- Record of military training
- Record of military education
- Credit recommendation tool for veterans pursuing college/additional training

History of the JST

- Combined Army, Navy and Coast Guard military branches into single transcript in 2013
- Earlier and other branch transcripts provide similar info
- Joint Transcript allows veterans and others to learn a single system and tool

What is in a JST?

- A JST will include training records for **multiple military occupations** in a single transcript
- Detailed description of each training provided
- ACE credit recommendations
- Information to access more detailed info about each training using ACE online tools

Education record and recommendations

- Training is often combined with credit recommendations for colleges
- Other classroom training and standardized testing is included
- Let's take a brief look

What did you see?

What isn't in it?

- Question for the veterans in the room: Does your military transcript fully describe you as a professional?

What isn't in it?

- Transcripts lists training only
- This was their training, but what did the veteran DO?
- What was their actual work?
- See/Do/Teach model
- Did the person manage staff? Projects?
Budgets?

Military training Model

- In college, a person might receive training, then.....
- In the military, training is preparation for future work.

Other Transcripts

- Often veterans who separated before 2013 have an Army, Navy or Coast Guard transcript
- SMART Transcripts
- AARTS Transcripts

Accessing a Joint Service Transcript

- The Veteran must have a CAC account set up
- <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do>

Different tools- JST and ACENET

- [ACENET Occupation Guide](#)
- [ACENET Course Guide](#)
- Short Video-
<http://www.jointservicestranscript.com/>

Different tools- JST and ACENET

- Pull out your Navy sample JST
- <http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Documents/Navy-JST-Sample.pdf>

Exercises

- **Tables 1: Evaluate a JST**
 - Let's say this is the transcript of a veteran you are working with, and he likes what he did in the service.
 - What career would you guide him toward?
 - What experience might be valuable on a resume?
 - What training from service would you include on the resume?
 - What other skills do you see that might help him in his career search?
 - 15 minutes

Exercises

- Tables 2: Evaluate a JST
- Let's say this is a transcript of a veteran who does NOT want to do what they did in the service.
- What is valuable in his transcript for other careers? List a few.
- What is valuable in his transcript for many careers?
- What might you ask to try to get career direction for this vet?
- 15 Minutes

Table 1- Discussion

- What did you find?
- Questions and Ideas:
- A note about certifications:

Table 2- Discussion

- What did you find?
- Questions and Ideas:
- Transferable skills

Discussion

- What else?
- How else can we as counselors or advisors use this information and experience to service veterans we are working with?
- A Starting Point

Using ACENET tools to assist veterans

- Veterans often don't have their Joint Service Transcript or know how to access it
- ACENET Military pages list thousands of military Occupations and Courses
- Start with military occupation- Courses often listed in Occupation page
- Remember: Veterans often have multiple military occupations

Exercises

- Using ACENET Occupation Guide
- Looking Up an Occupation
- [ACENET Occupation Guide](#)
- “Corpsman”

Looking at an Occupation

- “25 Bravo”
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST
- Pull out your packets

Looking at an Occupation

- Walkthrough of the Occupation
- Different Levels of Occupation
- Different Levels of Training
- Credit Recommendations

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Next Up- Military Crosswalks

- Break- 15 minutes

Military Crosswalks

- What is a Military Crosswalk?
- How can I use it to assist veterans?
 - <http://workinwashington-veterans.jobs/>
 - <http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>

Military Crosswalks

- Pros
 - Easy tool to use to find similar civilian occupations
 - Some have civilian income and sector information
 - Some have links to actual jobs

Military Crosswalks

- Cons
 - Only shows similar civilian path- not transferable skills
 - Jobs listed often don't match training

Credit for Training

- Earlier training
- New rules for veterans receiving credit for military training
- More college credit for training

What is Required?

- #1-Colleges obtain military education transcripts for all military veterans seeking to use VA Education benefits
- #2- Colleges evaluate all military education transcripts received
- #3- Colleges accept the Joint Service Transcript as an official education transcript.

What is Required?

- #4- Credit recommendations from official military transcripts are identified and accepted when meeting course criteria.
- #5- Military credit recommendations that match course offerings are identified and tracked
- #6- A list of matching courses and military training is created.

What is Required?

- #7- Colleges create transparent policies that explicitly detail military credit acceptance
- #8- Colleges provide a copy of this policy to all veterans exploring attending the school.

What is Required?

- #9- ACE credits must be used if possible
- #10- All school must submit their policy to the State PLA workgroup by year's end

Steps to Compliance

- Evaluating the JST
- Writing a Military Credit Policy
- Letting Veterans Know
- Creating a List of Courses that Match

Using these changes to help

- More credit= less time/cost to degree
- Changes the landscape as far as career assistance
- College need to disclose their policies toward credit acceptance

Another look at “25 Bravo”

- Credit recommendations for
 - 25B30
 - 25B40
 - 25B50
- So if, under these new rules, ALL the credit on this sheet were accepted:

Another look at “25 Bravo”

- How much money would a 25B30 save, if the per credit price at a college were \$100.00 per credit?

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- **Question:** Is he seriously asking us to do math on a Friday afternoon?
- **Answer:** Yes

Another look at “25 Bravo”

- How much money would a veteran save who served as a 25 Bravo -30, if the per credit price at a college were \$100.00 per credit?
- Answer: \$2700.00

Another look at “25 Bravo”

- How much time would a veteran who served as a 25Bravo-50 save, if he/she planned to take 15 credits per quarter?

Another look at “25 Bravo”

- How much time would a 25B50 save, if he/she planned to take 15 credits per quarter and not attend in summer?
- Answer: 3 quarters or one year

Getting Started

- New rules and law set to begin December 31st 2015.
- What is accepted won't change overnight.
- Veterans can be better college shoppers

Thanks!

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