



**2018-19 Report on Veterans and Credit for Military Service
(Responses to PA 18-37 and PA 14-131)**

September 2019

In compliance with Connecticut General Statutes PA 18-37 and PA 14-131 the University of Connecticut has developed this report which presents the manner in which the university assists service members in accessing information on how to get credit for military credit; input on the effectiveness of the current law; types and counts of military trainings submitted for transfer credit evaluations; outcomes of transfer credit evaluations for military trainings; and the Military Credit Acceptance Policy.

The University values the commitments and sacrifices of service members who defend our country. We continue to work towards simplifying and enhancing the transfer credit evaluation process for Veterans. UConn has made a concerted effort at establishing procedures that allow for unimpeded entry to the university for our veterans, active duty and military personnel. Our Veterans Affairs and Military Programs Office serves as important resources for those who defend our freedom, and works closely with Undergraduate Admissions, Student Financial Aid Services, faculty and other key constituents as they work to assist our students.

| PA 18-37 – 2A. Report on Veterans and Credit for Military Service | |
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| The number of service members who applied for credit based on military training. | 55 |
| The number of service members whose application for credit based on military training was approved. | 54 |
| Information on efforts to assist service members in accessing information on how to get credit for military training. | Information on efforts to assist service members in accessing information on how to get credit for military training is available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the Veterans Affairs and Military Programs (VAMP) webpage https://veterans.uconn.edu/college-credit-for-military-service/. • As part of the Transfer Student Orientation Program • As part of the syllabus for the Veteran specific, First Year Experience (FYE) classes offered at the university • On the Undergraduate Admissions Office website https://admissions.uconn.edu/apply/veteran-military |
| Information on whether current law effectively assists service members in getting credit for military training. | Current law enables the University of Connecticut to award academic credit in a way that aligns with academic requirements for national and regional accrediting bodies for various majors and fields of study. |
| Recommendations on improving ability to offer credit to service members for military training. | The University of Connecticut has no recommendations on improving the ability to offer credit to service members for military training. In 2018/19 only 1 of 55 applications reviewed was not approved for credit due to an incorrect DD214 submission. The service member subsequently submitted the correct DD214 and was awarded credit after June 30, 2019. We request that as recommendations are considered, however, that higher education institutions be allowed to continue to award credit in a way that does not impact academic quality or jeopardized national and regional accreditation. |

Note: All responses represent credit evaluation toward undergraduate degrees

| PA18-37 – 2B. Report on Veterans and Credit for Military Service | |
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| Provide the types and counts of military training presented | 184 military trainings were presented for consideration: Types of military training presented include Basic Training, Years of Service, Military Science, Kinesiology, Allied Health, Engineering, Communications; Art; Chemistry; Physics; Business Administration; Journalism; Career, Vocational, or Technical courses; Personal Development/Self-Improvement courses |
| Provide the types/counts of educational credit awarded to enrolled service members for such training | 88 educational credits evaluated were awarded credit. Types of such trainings include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic Training Credit (2) Years-of-Service Credits; (3 – 5 years of active duty receive two (2) additional credit) 2. .5+ years of active duty received six (6) additional credits. 3. Military Science – “Corporals” 4. Kinesiology – “Infantryman” 5. Allied Health – “Healthcare Specialist” (with EMT certification) 6. Engineering – “Electronics Core”, “Nuclear Field A School” 7. Communications – “Video Production” 8. Art – “Basic Still Photography” 9. Chemistry – “Naval Power School” 10. Physics – “Naval Power School” 11. Business Administration – “First Line Leadership Development Program” 12. Journalism – “Basic Public Affairs – Writing” |
| Provide the types/counts of military training for which credit was not awarded to enrolled service members. | 96 military trainings evaluated were not awarded credit. Types of such trainings include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Career, Vocational, or Technical courses such as Combat Specific Training (“Marine Combat Training”), Policing, Equipment Maintenance/Operations (“Basic motor vehicle Operations”) 2. Personal Development/Self-Improvement courses such as “Structured Self Development” |

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PA14-131 – Sec. 11B. Military Credit Acceptance Policy

The Military Credit Acceptance Policy for the University of Connecticut that includes ACE recommendations is publicized on the Undergraduate Admissions Office website. The policy reads as follows:

The University of Connecticut welcomes all veterans, active duty, guardsmen, and reservists to apply to and consider enrollment at UConn. Given the incredible service to our country, active-duty personnel and veterans are often very competitive candidates for admission. As a part of the admissions and transfer credit process, UConn strives to acknowledge this service as students enter the University.

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs (VAMP) is a valuable resource and can provide additional information to current students and applicants.

As a thank-you for service to our country, active duty, veterans, guardsmen, and reservists qualify for an application fee waiver. The application fee will be waived upon receipt of a copy of the DD214 for veterans, guardsmen, and reservists. Active-duty military are asked to provide one of the following options in order to have an application fee waiver applied:

- *An official JST transcript through the Joint Services Transcript system to the University of Connecticut;*
- *A letter from your commander or personnel office stating you are active military; or*
- *A copy of your active military ID (brought to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for review).*

TRANSFERRING MILITARY CREDIT

The University of Connecticut values the course credit earned by service members while in the military through Department of Defense courses. Following the American Council of Education guidelines, UConn, where possible, will award credit for courses that are similar to undergraduate courses offered in academic departments at UConn. Students must submit their official JST, Air University, SMART, AARTS, or Coast Guard transcript to the Admissions Department to be evaluated. For consideration of credit for military service please submit your DD214, if not already submitted. For additional information please visit the VAMP website.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

If you are or have been enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution and have completed 12 or more college credits following high school graduation, the University of Connecticut considers you a transfer student. Active-duty personnel and veterans are often considered transfer students as a result of previous college credits they have earned.

- *Credit offered is detailed on the VAMP site here: <https://veterans.uconn.edu/college-credit-for-military-service/>*

Please bring your DD-214 Member 4 copy to the VAMP office, or you can scan and send it to alyssa.kelleher@uconn.edu. If you are an ROTC cadet, the credit is contingent upon the written approval of the appropriate Department Head. Courses will appear on UConn transcript and be assigned a grade of "T" and will be considered unassigned electives.

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You may also be able to get college credit for being stationed in, or for deployments to, foreign countries. This credit will be issued as a three-credit course, MISI 92001 Foreign Study in Military Science, with the following requirements:

- *Honorable service*
- *Proof of being stationed/deployed to a foreign country for 90 days or more*
- *Completion of a written assignment*
- *Interview with the VAMP (Veterans Affairs & Military Programs) Director*

Please contact Alyssa Kelleher at alyssa.kelleher@uconn.edu for more details about the requirements for the written assignment and to request a meeting once the written assignment is complete. Currently, this course will be creditable as an unassigned elective, and will be assigned a grade of "T" on the UConn transcript.

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