

# Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges

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## SOC Releases New Career and Technical Education (CTE) Resource List

In partnership with the Department of Defense (DoD) and Military Services, Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) has developed a new Career and Technical Education (CTE) Resource list that identifies credit-bearing certificate programs in career and technical education fields with bright employment outlooks.

The CTE Resource list was developed to assist military education counselors, academic advisers, and servicemembers with identifying career and technical education pathways to civilian careers with positive growth potential. While the certificates are stand-alone education credentials that can assist servicemembers with employment options upon leaving the military, all selected certificates are stackable and can be fully incorporated in associate or bachelor's degrees offered by the institution, if the servicemember desires to further his/her education in the career field.

The institutions and certificate programs included on the CTE Resource list have been carefully selected based on the program requirements. The participating degree-granting colleges and universities meet the following criteria:

- Signatory of DoD MOU (certificate program must be eligible for federal student aid through the Department of Education under Title IV)
- Cost of tuition does not exceed military Tuition Assistance (\$250 per credit hour)
- Acceptance of evaluated credit for military training and occupational experience, where applicable
- Program access and proximity to military installations
- Affirmation of compliance with the SOC Principles and Criteria

The certificate programs, which may build upon military training and experience, are approved by the State Approving Agency for Veterans Affairs education benefits, can be fully incorporated into other college-offered degree programs, and have programmatic accreditation, where applicable. Additionally, the certificate programs reflect the needs of the military, have bright employment outlooks as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor [O\\*NET](#), and provide marketable, entry-level skills.

The initial phase of the Career and Technical Education Resource list contains 33 colleges and universities offering 119 certificate programs representing specific career pathways in the following six Career Clusters:

Business Management & Administration  
Health Sciences  
Information Technology  
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security  
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics  
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

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The CTE Resource list and Frequently Asked Questions are located on the SOC Web site. Please direct any questions about the CTE Resource list to Sonja S. Ferguson, SOC Career and Technical Education Program Coordinator, at 800-368-5622 or [fergusons@aascu.org](mailto:fergusons@aascu.org).