

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges



May 1, 2017

Dear Partner Institution Representative:

Due to the strong response and interest received from institutions attending the 2017 Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Conference in Atlanta, Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) is announcing another Call for Applications for SOC's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program in an effort to meet the needs of institutions and Servicemembers. The CTE Resource list has been developed in response to extensive input from the Services. Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) is coordinating this program for Servicemembers focused on helping the member transition into the civilian labor market after military service.

Many Servicemembers build on occupational specialties and technical expertise acquired in the military to pursue civilian careers in high demand career fields. Servicemembers can accelerate their career path with necessary skills and credentials while on active-duty by utilizing tuition assistance funding to complete certificate and degree programs in high-demand career and technical fields. The Career and Technical Education Program seeks to identify certificate programs offered by degree-granting institutions that recognize and build upon military training and occupational experiences. Certificate programs that can be fully incorporated in an associate or bachelor's degree are the building block upon which the Career and Technical Education Program is established.

The third application period for the CTE Resource list is open with the following selected Career and Technical Education Career Clusters:

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

The deadline for applications to the program is June 12, 2017. Please see <http://soc.aascu.org/career-and-technical-education/cte-certificate-clusters> for specific certificate programs being accepted. Only certificate programs that are closely aligned with those identified career fields will be accepted at this time.

If you have certificate programs that you feel would be a valued addition to the CTE Resource list, please review the program requirements and submit an application found on SOC's web site at: <http://www.soc.aascu.org/career-and-technical-education/soc-cte-application>.

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If you have questions about the program or the application process, please contact Sonja Ferguson at 800-368-5622 or fergusons@aascu.org.

Sincerely,

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John R. Ballard, Ph.D.
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