



POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN MILITARY PERSONNEL

House Bill 171 Workgroup Resource Packet



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BACKGROUND

House Bill 171 was signed by Governor DeSantis on June 23, 2020. This bill amends section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, and requires the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to create a process for the uniform award of postsecondary credit or career education clock hours to certain servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

The workgroup tasked with this effort will be composed of the following 13 members:

- The **chair of the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC)**, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair.
- **Four members representing academic affairs administrators and faculty from state universities**, appointed by the chair of the Board of Governors.
- **Four members representing academic affairs administrators and faculty from Florida College System institutions**, appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education.
- **Two members representing faculty from career centers**, appointed by the State Board of Education.
- **Two members representing veterans**, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

ACC/Workgroup Chair:

William Hudson, Jr., Ph.D.- Florida A&M University
Vice President, Student Affairs

State University System Faculty:

Debra Szabo- Florida Atlantic University
Director of Assessment, Accreditation, & Articulation

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Director, Academic & Student Services- Student Veterans Center

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Director, Office of Veteran Success

Jody Herzog, Ph.D. – University of West Florida
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Diego Tibaquirá, Ph.D. (USMC Veteran)- Miami Dade College
Professor, School of Engineering & Technology

John Jewett- Florida Gateway College
Executive Director, Public Service and Technology Programs

Allison Shenofsky- St. Petersburg College
Coordinator, Veterans Affairs

Julie Stein- Florida State College at Jacksonville
Program Coordinator, Articulation

Career Center Faculty:

Diane Culpepper, Ph.D.
Director, Lake Technical College

Ann Leonard
Director, Haney Technical Center

Department Of Veterans' Affairs Staff:

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WORKGROUP TIMELINE

Deadline	Agency Responsible	Actions Needed
July 15, 2020	ACC	Convene military bill workgroup
December 1, 2020	Military bill workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a process for prioritizing and determining postsecondary course equivalencies • Establish minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for courses taken and occupations held by individuals during their service in the military • Provide recommendations to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education for approval at the next meeting of each board to allow for adequate public notice
Upon approval of the workgroup’s recommendations by the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education	ACC	Facilitate the review of courses taken and occupations held by individuals during their service in the military for postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded in accordance with the approved process
Within one year of approval of the workgroup’s recommendations by the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education	ACC	Approve a prioritized list of postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education courses taken and occupations held by individuals during their service in the military *This list must be updated annually.
Ongoing	Office of Articulation	Provide administrative support for the workgroup

BOARD MEETING DATES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

August 12, 2020

*Final rule language and materials due by July 9

September 23, 2020

*Final rule language and materials due by August 13

November 10, 2020

*Final rule language and materials due by September 30

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

September 16, 2020

November 4, 2020

January 20, 2021

March 24, 2021

June 22, 2021

September 1, 2021

*Agenda material due 8 weeks prior to meeting date

These dates are necessary for planning purposes, as many of the workgroup and ACC's tasks are contingent upon approval of the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education.

RESOURCES FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CREDIT FOR MILITARY EXPERIENCE

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION (ACE):

The American Council on Education (ACE) is a membership organization that mobilizes the higher education community to shape effective public policy and foster innovative, high-quality practice. ACE is the only major higher education association to represent all types of U.S. accredited, degree-granting institutions: two-year and four-year, public and private.

Press release

<https://www.acenet.edu/News-Room/Pages/ACE-to-Expand-Work-with-Military-to-Validate-College-Credit-Recommendations.aspx>

Military Guide

<https://www.acenet.edu/Programs-Services/Pages/Credit-Transcripts/Military-Guide-Online.aspx>

Military Guide FAQ

<https://www.acenet.edu/Programs-Services/Pages/Credit-Transcripts/Military-Guide-FAQ.aspx>

Military Evaluations

<https://www.acenet.edu/Programs-Services/Pages/Credit-Transcripts/Military-Evaluations.aspx>

Joint Services Transcripts

<https://www.acenet.edu/Documents/Joint-Services-Transcript-Brochure.pdf>

TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL:

The Council is Tennessee's higher education coordinating board. It is responsible for such duties as approving new academic degree programs, developing the state's master plan for higher education, and approving veteran education benefits. The Council is currently working on an initiative to assist with the conversion of military training to civilian credit.

Press release

<https://www.tn.gov/thec/news/2019/11/11/tennessee-higher-education-launches-veteran-education-initiative--new-portal-will-convert-military-training-to-civilian-credit.html>

Guide for Evaluating Military Experiences for Academic Credit

<https://veterans.utk.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2018/10/Evaluation-Guide-THC.pdf>

Veterans Education Transition Support (VETS) Program

<https://www.tn.gov/thec/bureaus/academic-affairs-and-student-success/veterans-education/redirect-veterans-education/vets-program.html>

Veterans Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Resources

<https://www.tn.gov/thec/bureaus/academic-affairs-and-student-success/veterans-education/redirect-veterans-education/veteran-pla-resources.html>

CAREER PATH DECIDE:

Career Path DECIDE is a decision support tool provided by the Department of Defense to help Service members and Veterans identify, prepare for, and become increasingly qualified for employment as they transition military service to the civilian workforce. This tool will assist Service members with identifying potential best fit careers based on their military occupation, education level and prior civilian work experience. It will also help Service members find the right Credential and/or Degree programs needed to fill identified experience and education gaps they may have to make them even more qualified, prepared, and marketable for those careers.

<https://www.dantes.doded.mil/EducationPrograms/PrepForCollege/CareerPathDecide.html>

<https://careerpathdecide.usalearning.gov/>

PATRIOT'S PATH PROGRAM:

This program was created in collaboration with the Florida College System Council of Presidents to assist veterans and active duty military members with their transition to postsecondary education.

<https://www.floridavets.org/florida-college-system-council-of-presidents-launch-the-patriots-path-program/>

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:

<https://dod.defense.gov/>

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES (DEO):

<http://www.floridajobs.org/#:~:text=The%20Florida%20Department%20of%20Economic%20Opportunity%20%28DEO%29%20is,to%20request%20their%20benefits%20or%20%20%E2%80%9Cclaim%20their%20weeks.%E2%80%9D>