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The Education Center at McEwen



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" A Primer "

On The Education Services Officer's Desk

The Army Education Center at the McEwen Library and Education Complex

Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

0900-1600

Wednesday

1245-1600

(315) 772-6878



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I often talk with soldiers and family members that remark positively on the advertising and the professional atmosphere in the Fort Drum Education Center. Just last week, a parent of one of the students in kindergarten class with my daughter, stated that she was impressed with the amount of advertising of organizations and events to keep members of the Fort Drum community in the know. This family member is newly arrived at Fort Drum and was seeking further information concerning college and degree programs.

The other side of the coin is that many family members and other community members that I meet on Fort Drum and in the surrounding area are unaware of the many educational pursuits available here on post. I am taking this opportunity to invite anyone in the Fort Drum community interested in educational betterment to take some time to visit and take a look at what's on the schedule. You may be surprised to find that a program you want or need is closer than you think.



Soldiers are required to in-process through the Education Center and to seek counseling prior to enrolling in college classes. If they are listening well, they take a lot of valuable information with them, to use at a later date if not planning to pursue their career and/or educational goals at present. Other members of the community assume that the first place to explore their options is with the college. There are so many college and degree options available for students to choose from now that distance learning courses/programs are offered through most colleges around the country. It's important that members of the community understand that they can get objective information and explore a myriad of options to attain a goal by talking with an Army guidance counselor. Maybe a spouse is seeking information on financial aid. Again, an Army guidance counselor can provide many

different sources outside the college to seek the right financial aid program for each student.

Army guidance counselors provide information on many topics, to include Basic Skills Education Program classes, to improve reading and math skills; testing options to earn college credit, to seek certification or for college entrance; and Montgomery G.I. Bill information for prior military members. It's important for all members of the community to get comprehensive information before making choices that will affect an entire life. Therefore, I encourage all members of the community to seek out the services of the Army guidance counselors to assist in choosing the best options available.

The counseling center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 0900 to 1600 hours and Wednesday, from 1245 to 1600 hours. For further information, please call 772-6878.

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eArmyU Update

Did you know?

- Fort Drum is one of only 14 installations worldwide that offer the eArmyU Program.
- Over 15% of Fort Drum's Enlisted soldiers participate in eArmyU.
- At this installation, more than 20% of eArmyU students either reenlisted or extended to participate in eArmyU
- eArmyU offers a laptop, ISP, 24/7 Tech Support and online tutoring.
- Starting October 1st, a non-laptop option is available with a one-year service remaining requirement (Internet Access is provided at no cost to soldier)
- 27 regionally accredited colleges offering more than 150 online degree programs are available through eArmyU, including Certificate, Associate, Bachelor and Master's level programs.
- Participating eArmyU institutions apply maximum ACE-recommended

Important Phones At McEwen

Army Education Center

Education Services Officer 772-8580
Education Services Specialist
Counseling 772-6882
eArmyU 772-2773
Main Desk 772-6878
Off Post TA Coordinator ... 772-4964
Fax ... 772-8243

Multi-Use Learning Facility 772-9993

Classroom Scheduling ... 772-2011

DLS Manager ... 772-9475

Army Library

Librarian 772-4734
General Information 772-9099
24/7 Recording 772-5929
Dial A Story 774-1234

credits when awarding credit for military training and college-level testing.

- Offline Learning Application courses and CD Rom-based courses are now available through certain eArmyU schools
- Technical assistance is available 24/7 through the eArmyU Help Desk and during regular business hours through the Education Center's eArmyU office and Multi-Use Learning Facility.
- FY04 enrollments will begin on or about 20October-notify your NCO chain of command if you wish to be recommended for the program.

The eArmyU Office in Room 147 coordinates the operation of the 4 Station enrollment and handles student issues. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri 0900-1600.



Army Testing Center

The Army Education testing center provides two main functions:

Army Personnel Testing (APT)

The APT program encompasses standardized tests to determine eligibility for specialized training and to support the Army's personnel selection and classification process, including language proficiency testing.

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)

DANTES sponsors a wide range of examination programs to assist service members in meeting their educational goals. About 150,000 DANTES-sponsored examinations are administered each year to military personnel. DANTES provides college level equivalency exams, college entrance tests and many certification exams.

exists, many soldiers are inquiring about their Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP) eligibility. AR 611-6, Army Linguist Management Program, Table 6-1 states:

"Soldiers who are due annual reevaluation but are assigned to a foreign country where Army testing support is not available, are tested prior to departure from the losing command. Soldiers who are currently in a foreign country or on short-notice deployment where testing facilities are not

available can have their commanders and/or supervisors recertify their current proficiency in lieu of the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT).

Document this certification on DA Form 4187 with the following annotation: "The commander/supervisor certifies that the recipient can perform his/her linguistic duties in a satisfactory manner and is proficient at a level consistent with the FLPP rate for the previous year."

The DA Form 4187 is forwarded to the appropriate record custodian for issuance of orders to authorize FLPP. Orders authorizing FLPP are effective for not longer than 12 months from the evaluation date on the

DA Form 330. Soldiers must be recertified using the DLPT as soon as practicable and in all cases within 60 days after return to their permanent duty station."

The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 has clarified that per AR 611-6, either field commanders or rear detachment commanders can process the DA Form 4187 to extend FLPP. Please contact the Education Center if you have questions regarding DLPT testing prior or after a deployment.

Army Personnel Testing: Hot News on FLPP!

Due to the increased number of soldiers deployed to locations where no Army Personnel Test (APT) site



Distributed Learning Systems



Experience a Training Revolution!

Distributed Learning Systems is one of the many aspects of the Army Distance Learning Program (TADLP). Originally established by the then CSA, General Dennis Reimer, TADLP was focused on integrating Distance Learning concepts into officer and non-commissioned officer education. GEN Reimer's vision was to use DL or a combination of DL and traditional resident instruction to reduce the time leaders would be away from troop assignments.

The Army's approach to DL today has evolved to include individual and collective training, Army Modernization Training

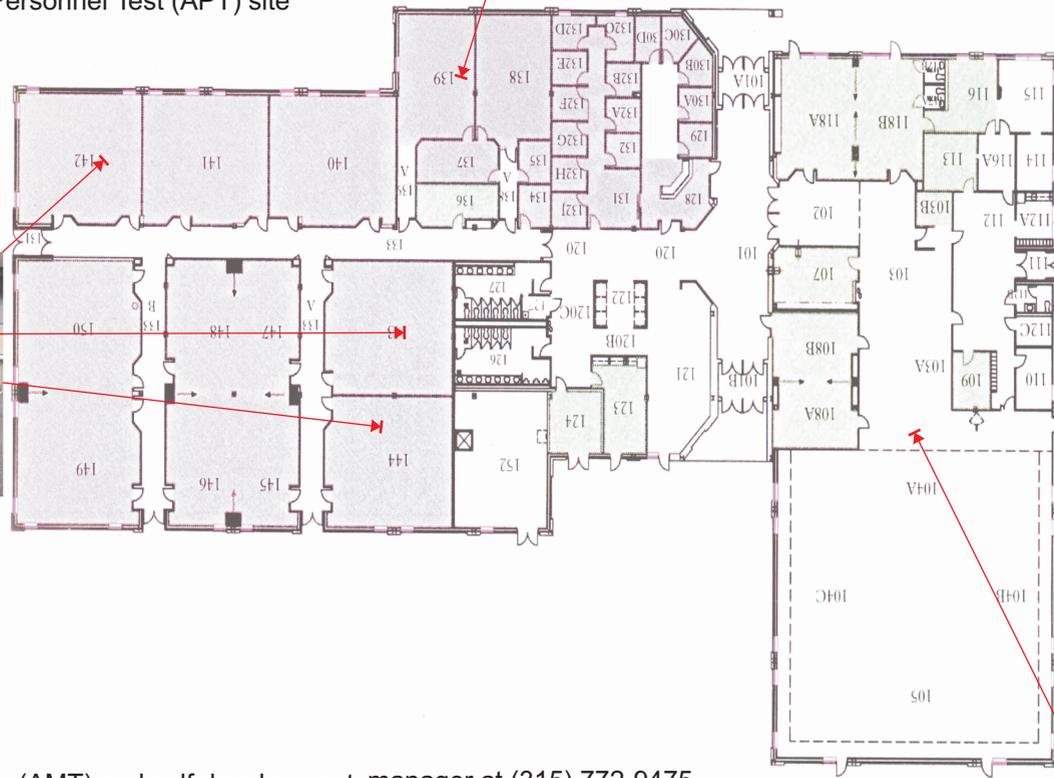
(AMT) and self development courses to soldiers and units of all components using the latest in training technologies.

The Education Center at McEwen has three complete DL classrooms that use state of the art computer and Video Teleconferencing technologies to support training opportunities consistent with established training standards for all components.

For more information on DLS contact the DLS

manager at (315) 772-9475 or visit the DLS website at www.dls.army.mil.

The DLS occupies three classrooms in the Education Center. Operating hours are coordinated with the DLS Site Manager.



The Army Library at McEwen

The McEwen Library is a state-of-the-art 18,000 square-foot facility that includes a multimedia area, a children's library, periodical area, and an open reading area with 48 computers linked with the classroom network in the education center. Patrons have access to periodical databases and an online public catalog.

All active duty and retired military, family members age ten

and over, and civilian employees may borrow materials from the library. National Guard, reservists, and TDY personnel may use the library while at Fort Drum.

The extensive collection includes fiction and nonfiction, talking books, cassettes, and music CDs and tapes. Materials may be borrowed for four weeks and renewed twice. With the exception of video-cassettes, there is no limit on the number of materials that may be checked out. There is a limit of seven videotapes per patron and they may be borrowed for one week and renewed only once. For your convenience, you can renew materials in person, over the phone, or by e-mail.

The Army Library occupies the south end of the McEwen Complex. Operating hours are Mon-Thurs 1000-2100, Fri-Sun 1000-1800.



The Army Test Center is located in Room 137 with operating hours from 0900-1600 Monday - Friday.



SUNY COLLEGES IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

" YOUR DOORWAY TO HIGHER EDUCATION "



Until recently, when a student decided to enter college, he/she had two big decisions to make: *where to go* and *what to major in*. Today, add to that a third dimension - *which delivery mode* to use to earn the degree:

- Online Learning
- Guided Independent Study
- Traditional Classroom Instruction

Online Learning

For students looking to complete their entire degree online, many of the SUNY campuses now offer complete degree and certification programs through the SUNY Learning Network (SLN). With more than 50 complete online offerings available, SLN provides students access to one of the largest selections of online degree programs

anywhere; available in many disciplines at the Associate, Bachelor, and Masters levels.

Check them out at:
<http://sln.suny.edu/>

SUNY Colleges in the North Country member campuses offering courses and degrees online include: Jefferson Community College, SUNY Empire State College, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse.

Guided Independent Study

With *Guided Independent Study*, the student works on a degree program under the guidance of a mentor. This non-traditional approach allows the student to design an individualized degree program that fits his/her specific needs in a time frame that fits their schedule.

At Fort Drum, SUNY Empire State is the college that offers this flexible option to earning a degree. The College believes that people who desire to learn should be given the opportunity to achieve their goals regardless of their situation.

Traditional Classroom Instruction

For those students who choose a more traditional approach to college learning, there are several colleges working through the SUNY Colleges in the North Country to offer classroom based instruction either on Fort Drum or in nearby Watertown.

Associate level instruction is offered by Jefferson Community College (JCC). On their main campus in Watertown; courses are offered in a traditional 16 week semester format. On Fort Drum, however, courses have been compressed to a two night a week, eight week session. This abbreviated schedule is a

better fit with a soldier's schedule, and allows JCC to offer two sessions within the traditional semester format. Additionally, a student could pursue college full-time at a more manageable pace by taking two courses in the early session and two in the late.

There are four Baccalaureate programs available to students in the Fort Drum/Watertown area: SUNY Oswego and SUNY Potsdam both offer a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In addition, SUNY Oswego offers a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration. SUNY Plattsburgh offers a Bachelor's degree in Nursing for students who are already registered nurses.

Graduate programs are offered through SUNY Oswego, SUNY Potsdam, and SUNY Empire State College.

SUNY Colleges in the North Country Course and Degree Offerings

Jefferson Community College

Certificate Programs

Accounting	Criminal Justice
EMT-Intermediate	Hospitality and Tourism
Office Studies	Surgical Technology

Associate Degrees

Accounting	Hospitality and Tourism
Animal Management	Human Services
Business Admin	Individual Studies
Computer Info Sys	Liberal Arts & Sciences
Computer Science	- Humanities & Social Science
Criminal Justice	- Math & Science
Early Childhood	Networking Technology
Elementary Education	Nursing
EMT-Paramedic	Office Technology
Engineering Science..	Paralegal

Online Degrees

Business Admin	Individual Studies
Criminal Justice	Liberal Arts

SUNY College at Potsdam

Baccalaureate Degree

B.S. Business Administration

Graduate Degrees

*M.S. Education
Elementary Education (Childhood 1-6)
Literacy (Certification for Pre-K-5 and 6-12)

*M.S. In Elementary Teaching- (Childhood - Grds. 1-6)
(For students with Bachelor Degrees in non-educational areas who wish to enter the teaching profession)

*Some on-campus instruction required

SUNY College at Oswego

Baccalaureate Degrees

B.S. Business Administration
B.A. Public Administration

Academic Advisors

Academic advisors are available at the SUNY College office on Fort Drum by appointment for the following member colleges:

Jefferson Community College
SUNY Empire State College
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Potsdam

Contact these members directly:

SUNY Canton (800)386-7123
SUNY Plattsburgh (800) 787-8773
SUNY IT Rome/Utica (800) SUNYTEC

Member Colleges on the Web

Jefferson Community College
www.sunyjefferson.edu
SUNY Empire State College
www.esc.edu
SUNY Oswego
www.oswego.edu
SUNY Plattsburgh
www.plattsburgh.edu
SUNY Potsdam
www.potsdam.edu
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
www.esf.edu
SUNY Upstate Medical
www.upstate.edu
SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome
www.sunyit.edu

Graduate Degrees

MBA (under construction)
M.S. Human Services Counseling

Online Degrees

B.A. Broadcasting & Mass Communications
B.S. Vocational Teacher Preparation

Minor in Economics
Certificate in Human Resources Management

SUNY Institute of Technology @ Utica/Rome

Online Degrees

B.S. Health Services Management
B.P.S.,B.S. Health Information Management

M.S. Accountancy
M.S. Health Services Administration
MBA-Technology Management

Plattsburgh State University

Baccalaureate Degree

B.S. Nursing (*Telenursing* Program)

SUNY Empire State College

Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees

The Arts
Business, Management, and Economics
Community and Human Services
Cultural Studies
Educational Studies
Human development
Interdisciplinary Studies
Science, Mathematics, and Technology
Social Theory, Structure, and Change

Graduate Degrees*

M.A. Business and Policy Studies
M.A. Culture and Policy Studies
M.A. Labor and Policy Studies
M.A. in Liberal Studies
MBA

* Guided Independent Study, 6 Weekend Residencies Required

Online Degrees

Business Administration
Business Management
Marketing
Health Services Management
Human Services
Human Services Administration
Mental Health Services