



Army Credentialing Assistance Program

Limited User Test

- **What is it? Effective 6 September 2018**

- The Army Credentialing Assistance (CA) program provides funding for courses and/or exams leading to an industry-recognized academic or vocational credential.
- The CA Program launches with a Limited User Test (LUT) that offers (28) preselected credentialing programs (listed below).
- Eligible Soldiers may begin requesting CA late fall 2018 (Date TBA). The classes and/or exams must be completed no later than 30 Sep 2019.
- Soldiers must have an approved Individual Development Plan (IDP) in Army Career Tracker (ACT) that list the desired credential (handwritten IDPs are not accepted).
- The CA program offers three credentialing options:
 - Credentials related to an MOS, as long as they are not an MOS requirement
 - Credentials related to an academic degree or certificate
 - Credentials aligned to a civilian career field

- **How Do I Qualify?**

- Soldiers may begin work on their **first credential** pathway upon successful completion of Advanced Individual Training, Warrant Officer Basic Course, or Basic Officer Leaders Course.
- Soldiers establish eligibility for a **second credential** pathway upon successful completion of Advanced Leaders Course, Warrant Officer Advanced Course, Captains Career Course, or equivalent.
- The Limited User Test (LUT) is restricted to:
 - Regular Army (Active Duty) Soldiers stationed on Fort Hood
 - Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) Soldiers stationed in Texas (Title 10 & 32)
 - Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG) and TX USAR Soldiers in actively drilling status with satisfactory participant designation - **must reside in Texas.**
 - Participating Soldiers must meet basic Federal TA eligibility.
 - The CA Program is projected to expand Army-wide in late 2019.





• What Do I Get?

- Soldiers may use both Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and Army Credentialing Assistance (CA); however, the combined usage **shall not** exceed the, **\$4000**, fiscal year TA limit.
- CA will pay credentialing expenses for classroom, hands-on, online/blended training (and associated materials) to include: **manuals, study guides, text books, processing fees, test fees, related fees for continuing education requirements, and recertification of credentials.**

• Who is ineligible for the CA Limited User Test?

- Regular Army Soldiers assigned to installations other than Fort Hood
- AGR Soldiers stationed in states other than Texas
- USAR and ARNG Soldiers assigned to states other than Texas
- Texas USAR and ARNG Soldiers who reside outside of Texas
- Contracted Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship cadets (receiving either tuition and fees or room and board incentive)
- ROTC Cadets contracted under the Green to Gold ROTC program
- Soldiers flagged under provisions of AR 600-8-2

• How Do I Apply?

- Create a user account at www.goarmyed.com
- When the GoArmyEd VIA decision tool launches:
 - Select your college and degree program to pursue an academic program.
 - Select "Credentialing School" and "Credentialing Pathway" degree program to pursue a credential program.
- To request funding for a credentialing course / exam:
 - Download a blank CA Request packet at goarmyed.com; complete packet.
 - Submit an email request to schedule the required education counseling session (phone/person) to ng.tx.txarng.mbx.education-office@mail.mil
 - After completing the counseling session: open a GoArmyEd helpdesk case, select the "Credentialing Request" case type, and upload all required documents no later than 30 business days before your class/exam start date.
 - Monitor your e-mail for correspondence related to your CA request status.



Credential Agency Name	Credential Title
American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)	ACSM Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)
National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF)	ServSafe Food Protection Manager
Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI)	Associate Professional in Human Resources (aPHR)
Amazon Web Services (AWS)	AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate
Microsoft Corporation	Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA): SQL Server 2012/2014
Microsoft Corporation	Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA): Windows Server 2012
Microsoft Corporation	Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCSD): SharePoint Applications
Microsoft Corporation	Microsoft Office Specialist
International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. ((ISC)2)	Systems Security Certified Practitioner (SSCP)
CompTIA	CompTIA A+
Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)	CompTIA Network+ ce
Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)	CompTIA Security+ ce
Cisco Systems, Inc.	Cisco Certified Entry Networking Technician (CCENT)
Microsoft Corporation	Microsoft Technician (MTA)
Institute of Certified Records Managers	Certified Records Manager (CRM)
Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC)	Certified Logistics Associate (CLA)
National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) C1
OSHA	Overhead Crane
American Society for Quality (ASQ)	Quality Inspector Certification (CQI)
Project Management Institute (PMI)	Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)
International Association for Six Sigma Certification (IASSC)	Certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt (ICGB)
National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
National Healthcareer Association (NHA)	Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS)
National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC)	STAR HVACR
American Welding Society	Certified Welder
United States Coast Guard	Electrician SAP (National QMED: Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer)
Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA-I)	Electronic Tech- ETA-I-5
United States Department of Transportation (FMCSA)	Commercial Driver License (CDL)