



Army Credentialing Assistance Program

Limited User Test **Updated**

- **What is it? Effective 6 September 2018**
 - The Army Credentialing Assistance (CA) program provides funding for courses and exams leading to an industry-recognized academic or vocational credential.
 - The CA Program launched with a Limited User Test (LUT) that offers preselected credentialing programs (listed below).
 - Eligible Soldiers may request CA. The classes and/or exams must be completed no later than 30 September 2019.
 - Soldiers must have an approved Individual Development Plan (IDP) in Army Career Tracker (ACT). List the desired credential on your IDP; tutorials on [CA webpage](#).
 - 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 **\$4000** per FY.
- CA will pay credentialing expenses for classroom, hands-on, online/blended training (and associated materials) to include: **manuals, study guides, textbooks, 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 "Credential School" and "Credentialing Pathway"](#) degree program to pursue a credential program.
- To request funding for a credentialing course / exam:
 - Download and complete a CA application and SOU at link below.
<https://tmd.texas.gov/credentialing-assistance-program>
 - Submit an email request to schedule the required education counseling session (phone/person) to nq.tx.txarng.mbx.education@mail.mil
 - After completing the counseling session, an Army Education Counselor will assist you with submitting your credentialing assistance application packet.
 - Monitor your e-mail for correspondence related to your CA request status.



Industry	Credential Title	Credentialing Agency	Army COOL Web Page
IT	AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate	Amazon Web Services (AWS)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_ACSA-A6992.htm
IT	Cisco Certified Entry Networking Technician (CCENT)	Cisco Systems, Inc.	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CCENT4304.htm
IT	CompTIA A+ ce	Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_A251.htm
IT	CompTIA Network+ ce	Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_NETWORK436.htm
IT	CompTIA Security+ ce	Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_SECURITYP3598.htm
IT	Systems Security Certified Practitioner (SSCP)	International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. ((ISC)2)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_SSCP3570.htm
IT	Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA): SQL Server 2012/2014	Microsoft Corporation	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_MCSASS25776.htm
IT	Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA): Windows Server 2012	Microsoft Corporation	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_MCSOA5662.htm
IT	Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS): Microsoft Office 2016	Microsoft Corporation	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_MOSMO28265.htm
IT	Microsoft Technician (MTA)	Microsoft Corporation	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_MTA5557.htm
Fitness	ACSM Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)	American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CPT828.htm
Food	ServSafe Food Protection Manager	National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_SSC4036.htm
HR	Associate Professional in Human Resources (aPHR)	Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_APHR6723.htm
Logistics	Certified Records Manager (CRM)	Institute of Certified Records Managers (IRCM)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CRM233.htm
Logistics	Certified Logistics Associate (CLA)	Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CLA5563.htm
Logistics	Overhead Crane Operator	National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_OVERCRANE3853.htm
Logistics	Automotive Service Consultant C1	National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_ASC4249.htm

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Management	Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)	Project Management Institute (PMI)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CAPM4005.htm
Management:	Certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt (ICGB)	International Association for Six Sigma Certification (IASSC)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_ICGB5953.htm
Medical	Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS)	National Healthcareer Association (NHA)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CBCS4806.htm
Medical	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_EM7B262.htm
Trade Skill	Certified Welder (CW)	American Welding Society (CWS)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CW71.htm
Trade Skill	Associate Electronics Technician (CETa)	Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA-I)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CETA16.htm
Trade Skill	Electronics Associate DC (EM1)	Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA-I)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_EM16416.htm
Trade Skill	Electronics Associate AC (EM2)	Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA-I)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_EM26417.htm
Trade Skill	Electronics Associate Analog (EM3)	Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA-I)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_EM36418.htm
Trade Skill	Electronics Associate Digital (EM4)	Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA-I)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_EM46419.htm
Trade Skill	Electronics Associate Comprehensive (EM5)	Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA-I)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_EM56420.htm
Trade Skill	STAR HVACR Mastery	National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_SCRM6136.htm
Transportation	Commercial Driver License (CDL)	United States Department of Transportation (FMCSA)	https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CERT_CD3465.htm

Training Provider and School Search Resources

TX CERTIFIED TRAINING PROVIDERS	https://apps.twc.state.tx.us/PROVIDERCERT/dispatcher?link=HREF&pageid=PUBLIC_SWL_SEARCH
GI BILL PROGRAM SEARCH	https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchLCCriteria.do
GOARMYED PROGRAM SEARCH	https://www.goarmyed.com/public/public_degree_plan_browse.aspx
COLLEGE NAVIGATOR PROGRAM SEARCH	https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/



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