

## **Future Soldier Frequently Asked Questions about ConAP**

### **Who is eligible for ConAP?**

ConAP is intended for new enlistees in the Regular Army and the Army Reserve who are in the Future Soldier Program. For the Regular Army, active-duty enlistment options typically range from two to six years, and training is guaranteed in over 200 job skills. Initial Army Reserve enlistment options are for six years and upon completion of training, consist of a requirement to attend one weekend drill a month plus two weeks of annual training each year. New enlistees continue in the Future Soldier Program until the day before they ship for Basic Training.

### **How do I sign up to participate in ConAP?**

Your recruiter or Future Soldier Leader will help you fill out the required form via [futuresoldiers.com](http://futuresoldiers.com) during your enlistment process.

### **Can I get financial assistance to pay for my college courses?**

Yes. There are various programs you can use to pay for college courses.

- Tuition assistance (TA). If you are serving on active duty or in an Army Reserve unit, your best option is to use TA. The Army will pay 100% of the cost of tuition and authorized charges by the school up to the established per semester hour cap of \$250 and fiscal year ceiling of \$4,000.

Army Reserve Soldiers see their unit administrator. TA applies to undergraduate and graduate courses. To begin payment, active duty Soldiers see a counselor at their Army Education Center. For additional information about TA visit [https://www.goarmyed.com/public/public\\_money\\_for\\_college-tuition\\_assistance.aspx](https://www.goarmyed.com/public/public_money_for_college-tuition_assistance.aspx).

- GI Bill / Student Loan Repayment Program: Army Reserve Soldiers can use their GI Bill benefits and, if applicable to them, the Student Loan Repayment Program. Active duty Soldiers can use GI Bill benefits after completing at least two years of service. TA and MGIB benefits can be used at the same time but not for the same course. Visit the [VA GI Bill website](#) for more information.

### **Can I get college credit for my military training and experience?**

Yes. Participating ConAP colleges are military friendly institutions and either members of [Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges \(SOC\)](#), agreeing to abide by [consortium membership criteria](#) and/or have a Department of Defense (DOD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Benefits associated with these partnership include use of good academic practice in

accepting courses from other colleges; utilizing the American Council on Education (ACE) Guide to evaluate your experiences in the Armed Services towards the award of credit for military courses that fit a student's curriculum; and when applicable to college guidelines, award credit for military occupational experience.

### **Once I tell a ConAP college that I intend to enroll, when do I start taking courses?**

Notifying a ConAP college of your intent to enroll is the first step toward college attendance. Soldiers/veterans are required to apply for admission and meet student admission requirements. Once accepted to the college, you may enroll and begin taking classes during or after your enlistment. Upon completion of Basic Training and initial active duty for training (IADT):

- If your ConAP college offers classes through distance learning, you can enroll during your enlistment while on active duty or in the reserves.
- If your ConAP college offers traditional face-to-face classes at your permanent active duty post, enroll for classes through the Army education center.
- If you are in the Army Reserves you may enroll for classes (traditional and distance learning) immediately upon your return.
- You may also enroll as soon as you are discharged at which time you are considered a veteran.

### **Can I take courses at other colleges while on active duty/in the reserves and transfer credits to my ConAP college?**

Yes, you are encouraged to take college courses and use Tuition Assistance (prior to discharge) to help offset the cost. Prior to taking courses from other colleges, check with your ConAP college to make sure the courses will transfer, especially upper-level courses.

### **Does ConAP still apply if I re-enlist?**

ConAP is intended for Soldiers serving their initial enlistment. Soldiers who re-enlist normally pursue academic degrees by participating in SOCAD two- or four-year-degree programs taught at Army posts, in degree programs geared towards their MOS (Army Career Degree Program) or other options in [GoArmyEd](#).

Questions about ConAP? [Email Us](#).