

Navy College Office prepares to go

Back to School



Gina Buzby, a contracted education counselor, (left) advises GSM3 Narvie Jones of Naval Station (right) on an educational path toward her master's degree in psychology, at the Navy College Office, Pearl Harbor.

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Since Navy College changed its name from Navy Campus in 1999, Sailors found it easier to earn a degree while in the Navy. Changes included the introduction of the Sailor-Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART), Navy Rating Partnership School Program, and the addition of contract counselors to augment the Navy College Office staff.

Further changes are in the works. Navy Tuition Assistance (TA) now is available for active-duty Sailors who desire to earn another undergraduate degree at the same level. Furthermore, the NCPACE and NC Learning Center will be expanded in January to include a wider variety of courses and delivery methods.

Below are some of the Navy College programs which are widely used by our Pearl Harbor Sailors. Some programs include updated information. All programs can be accessed from www.hawaii.navy.mil and by clicking on Services.

Sailor-Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART), where Sailors can see how many college credits are recommended from their Navy training and rating, NECs and other credits earned from NCPACE courses, TA courses, CLEP/DSST testing. Sailors can download their own unofficial transcripts from the Navy College website at www.navycollege.navy.mil. Official ones can be ordered for academic institutions. Navy College counselors use your unofficial SMART to find you options toward your desired degree. Colleges may use the official SMART transcripts to evaluate them for awarding credits.

College classes on Navy/Marine Corps bases are held over four, 10-week terms. Next term begins Oct. 1 and classes are also available to family members and DOD civilians. Schools at Pearl Harbor include Chaminade University of Honolulu (CUH), Hawaii Pacific University (HPU), Honolulu Community College and Wayland Baptist University. A new AS degree in computer science will be offered for the first time at NCTAMS PAC. See all degree programs and further information on the local Navy College website at www.hawaii.navy.mil and click on services. Class schedules are out as registration starts Aug. 27 for the next term. If you don't already have a degree, you need to attend the Navy College briefing held each Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Navy College Office before using Navy or VA financial aid. No reservation is needed. Others holding degrees may walk-in for TA counseling.

Navy Rating Partnership Schools is our newest program and is designed especially to match-up with credits earned from your rate and rating. All courses can be completed using Distance Learning toward a degree associated with your rating. For instance, if you have Navy computer training in your background, you may earn an AS or BS degree in computer science or

computer information systems. If you completed Navy nuclear power school, you may earn degrees in nuclear power technology or other specialized technical degrees. See the Navy College website for all ratings and details on the partnership schools. For other Distance Learning Programs, make an appointment with a Navy College counselor for options.

NCPACE Program for commands with sea-going UICs offers free academic skills and college courses with an instructor or via CD-ROM or videotape courses. Commands may order NCPACE services by calling the MRC/NC-PACE contractor at 423-0194. For ships deploying after Dec. 31, call the Navy College Office for services. In January the new PACE contract will have a larger variety of schools and courses, including graduate courses toward degrees.

NC Learning Center offers free academic skills in English, reading, math, science, social science, life and job skills and even parenting skills. Many Sailors use this center for test preparation, such as ASVAB, CLEP, SAT, ACT, GRE math. A trained facilitator is available to assist with these self-paced courses. Courses are also free to adult family members, Navy reservists and retirees, and JNROTC students. The NCLC is open Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Bldg 679. For further information, please call the NCLC, Plato, Inc staff at 473-5942.

Tuition Assistance is available to eligible Sailors who want to take advantage of in-service financial aid. Currently Navy TA still pays for 75 percent of each semester hour of credit, up to a cap of \$187.50 and an overall cap of \$3500 for FY 01. This might change favorably in FY 02. Restrictions have been lifted for those who want to earn a second associate or second bachelor's degree using TA. Members who have used TA for courses taken on or after October 30, 2000 may have the 25 percent student share reimbursed by the Veterans Administration (VA) if the members are eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB). Obtain back copies of your TA documents from the Navy College Office and we'll inform you of the procedures. Or go to www.gibill.va.gov and click on to News and MGIB Top-Up for further information. Navy Tuition Assistance is now authorized for courses leading to degrees and certificates, including Continuing Education Unit (CEU) non-credit courses offered by accredited institutions. Lateral and lower-level degrees and certificates are allowed at all educational levels.

Montgomery GI Bill has several new updates on their website (see above). You can convert to the MGIB if you are in VEAP, but must do so by Oct. 31, 2001. You can also contribute up to \$600 to increase your MGIB benefits by \$1 per month for each \$4 contributed. Also, MGIB may pay for certain VA approved certification or licensing fees.

Please see website www.gibill.va.gov for further information, or call 566-1000 or 1-888-442-4551. Inquiries are also accepted from their website.

Graduate Education Voucher Program provides up to \$40,000 of off-duty graduate education for Unrestricted Line Officers who have shore duty or will be on shore duty. Books and fees may be included along with tuition up to a maximum of \$20,000 per year for up to 24 months from time of enrollment. Ashore or Distance Learning degree programs have to be approved by NPG School. Please see www.navycollege.navy.mil for additional information.

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Support (DANTES) Programs include testing, Distance Learning (DL) and external degree options. Proficiency exams for college credit are mostly free and so are college entrance exams if taken for the first time in the service or needed for a STA-21 program. Call 473-4077/5705 to schedule CLEP/DSST exams if you have a degree plan or have been to a Navy College briefing ashore or at the ship. For counseling on DL or other undergraduate degree plans, make an appointment with the Navy College counselor after you attend a college briefing. Bring an updated SMART transcript, or we can download one for you.

United Services Military Apprenticeship Program allows you to earn a certificate of apprenticeship completion from the U.S. Department of Labor in a recognized civilian trade. You must have had some formal instruction such as "A" or "C" school. Also, you must be working in your rate and be able to complete the number of hours necessary before leaving the service. All that's required is applying to the program via your command and upon meeting eligibility requirements, keep a log book of hours worked in each skill area. Upon completion, CNET and the DOL will issue the certificate. Please see weblink on our Navy College website for detailed information.

The Navy College Office is located in the Naval Station Training Building 679, 2nd deck across the SUBASE Lockwood Hall tennis courts and is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information call, 473-4077/5705 or check out the Navy College website at www.hawaii.navy.mil and click on Services for all the above programs, current POW and our calendar of events.

Accredited college programs available through satellite offices at Navy College Office, Pearl Harbor

Chaminade University

Associates Programs:

Associates in Liberal Arts
Associates in Arts in Management
Associates in Criminal Justice

Bachelors Programs:

Bachelors of Arts in Management
Bachelors of Arts in English
Bachelors of Arts in History/Political Studies
Bachelors of Arts in Psychology
Bachelors of Arts in Social Studies
Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice
Bachelors of Science in Behavioral Sciences

Masters Programs:

Master of Business Administration
Master of Public Administration
Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration
Master of in Science in Counseling Psychology
Master of Education
Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership

Hawaii Pacific University

Computer Information Systems Certificate

Associates Programs:

Associates of Science in Accounting
Associates of Science in Computer Science
Associates of Science in Economics
Associates of Science in Finance
Associates of Science in Management
Associates of Science in Marketing
Associates of Science in Military Studies
Associates of Arts in Justice Administration
Associates of Arts in mathematics
Associates of Supervisory Leadership

Bachelors Programs:

Bachelors of Arts in Human Resource
Bachelors of Arts in Justice Administration
Bachelors of Science in Computer Science
Bachelors of Science in Accounting
Bachelors of Science in Business Economics
Bachelors of Science in Computer Information Systems
Bachelors of Science in Entrepreneurial Studies
Bachelors of Science in Finance
Bachelors of Science General Business
Bachelors of Science in Human resource Management
Bachelors of Science in International Business
Bachelors of Science in Management
Bachelors of Science in Marketing
Bachelors of Science in Public Administration

Masters Programs:

Master of Arts in Human Resource Management
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Information Systems

Wayland Baptist University

Bachelors Programs:

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Human Services
Bachelor of Science in Religion
Bachelor of Science in Career and Technology Education

Masters Program:

Master of Arts in Human Resource Management
Master of Arts in Organizational Management

Honolulu Community College

Vocational Program:

Fire and Environmental Emergency Response

Associates Program:

Fire and Environmental Emergency Response
Applied Trades



An integrated class of servicemembers, dependents and civilians attend an environmental studies class at Fort Shafter through Chaminade University. Navy College Office offers a variety of educational paths for both active duty servicemembers and their families.