

Program Flexibility is Key to Attracting and Sustaining Military Students, Dependents and Veterans

Developing Military Members, Dependents and Veterans into World-Class Talent

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Introduction

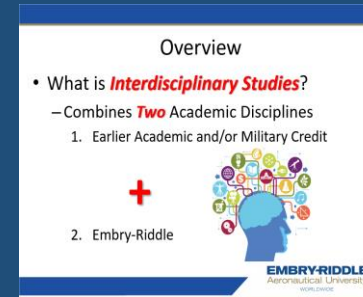
- Degree Programs Encourage Military Students
 - All AFSC's & MOS's
 - USAF AU-ABC Category I
 - Joint Services Transcript
 - ACE Transfer Credit

Method

- Registrar, Student Advisors and VA Office
- Team with Marketing

Conclusions

- Over 2,200 New USAF AU-ABC Students
- Degree Flexibility is Key



Abstract

The Department of Defense is reporting a continuing decline in enlisted military member tuition assistance use. While the aviation, aerospace and defense industries are pleading for additional employees with military and academic skill sets. Academia has a relatively new and innovative solution that accepts military members “where they are” academically and rewards them for their service. Preliminary results from a “military friendly” degree program will be presented; beginning with student matriculation thru graduation. In addition, program demographics and descriptive statistics, including initial accreditation assessment results; are also presented. Outcomes are applicable to Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Dependents and Veterans.

Does the Model Work Today?

In Science-The Endless Frontier (1945) Vannevar Bush offered his answer. Bush called for the renewal of our scientific talent through the US education system. He wrote: “The responsibility for the creation of new scientific knowledge rests on that small body of men and women who understand the fundamental laws of nature and are skilled in the techniques of scientific research. While there will always be the rare individual who will rise to the top without benefit of formal education and training, he is the exception and even he might make a more notable contribution if he had the benefit of the best education we have to offer.”