



Military and Families Education Newsletter

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NMSU offers military members and their families postsecondary educational opportunities leading to lifelong learning, self- and professional development programs, and services to promote critical thinking and decision-making skills.

Outreach Campaign

Real leadership is being the person others will gladly and confidently follow.

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Fort Bliss Forum

On Friday, April 25th I was privileged to attend the annual reception hosted by the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) at Fort Bliss. In attendance were all the top Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) and their spouses. It was an enlightening and highly motivating event, culminating with the graduates from the United States Sergeants Major Academy being given their worldwide assignments.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that CSM Rodgers had already told everyone about NMSU's Educational Forum scheduled for July 24th. What caught my attention was their enthusiasm for New Mexico State University. One Sergeant Major stated: "A real state university visiting us – HOOAH!"

Hence, a briefing chart was created to share at the forum. It reads:

- Real Professors
- Real Classes
- Real Degrees
- Real State University

As NMSU's Colleges prepare their presentations for the Fort Bliss Educational Forum, I recommend having handouts/packets for 70–80 attendees. A plentiful supply of flat sheets describing academic programs and course offerings is essential so the NCOs can share them with their companies, battalions, and/or brigades. Give-aways (mementos) might also prove helpful.

Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Gavle, Professor of Military Science at NMSU, volunteered to assist anyone preparing a presentation for a military audience. His contact information is 646-8194, gavle@nmsu.edu.

GoArmyEd Outlook and Expectations

Extending educational opportunities to the largest number of Soldiers has a special urgency today, especially if NMSU is to meet the post-secondary needs of the expanding military community. Fort Bliss is projected to triple in size by 2011. By then 46,000 additional Soldiers, Family Members and Civilian Personnel will call Fort Bliss home. The servicemember population is also expected to increase at other area military installations within the next few years. NMSU is also a viable educational option for personnel at White Sands Missile Range and Holloman, Kirtland, and Cannon Air Force Bases.

As we develop a strong and effective platform for educational leadership through our outreach initiatives, we must remember that it takes a team effort. Your involvement will assist the entire university in attracting student-Soldiers and assure them that we respect and admire them. Once these Soldiers understand that we genuinely want them to succeed and are committed to helping them, they will gain confidence and select NMSU as their home campus.

NMSU is one of ten universities invited to join SOC for the 2008 academic year. This speaks highly of our university. NMSU can now be part of the GoArmyEd vision as we launch an ambitious military and families outreach program. NMSU has an opportunity to welcome the servicemembers who make truly great sacrifices to preserve the freedom and safety we enjoy.

GoArmyEd at New Mexico State University

NMSU is scheduled to go-live in the GoArmyEd Program on October 1, 2008. This newsletter outlines the steps required by the university to successfully navigate the GoArmyEd onboarding process.

At the end of this successful process, Soldiers will be able to access tuition and class enrollment through the GoArmyEd portal.

GoArmyEd On-Boarding Deadlines

June 6, 2008: Training on the Secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Course and Class Data Collection (DCT).

June 27, 2008: Enter courses that support approved degree plans into the GoArmyEd system (Submitted via DCT) — Distance Education Degree Programs.

June 30, 2008: Submit all information for degrees to be offered through GoArmyEd to SOC. Enter degree plans and programs into the portal. A SOC Academic Liaison will be assigned to NMSU.

July 11, 2008: Complete training sessions.

- Portal Overview
- Common Applications
- Course Registrations
- Grading (Web Grading Tool and FTP File Upload)
- Student Agreements
- Customer Relations Management System (CRM)
- Invoicing
- Graduation Reporting

August 22, 2008: Class offerings scheduled in the GoArmyEd system (via DCT).

October 1, 2008: Go-live with GoArmyEd

Acronyms

AACC	American Association of Community Colleges
AARTS	Army American Council on Education Registry Transcript System
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities
ACE	American Council on Education
ACES	Army Continuing Education System
ACME	Advisory Council of Military Education
AD/RC	Active Duty/Reserve Component
AKO	Army Knowledge On Line (email account)
ARNG	Army National Guard
ATM	All Things Military
CAS	College of the American Soldiers
CCAF	Community College of the Air Force
CCME	Council of College and Military Educators
CLEP	College Level Examination Program
CPAC	Civilian Personnel Advisory Center
CTAM	Centralized Tuition Assistance Management
DANTES	Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support
DOD	Department of Defense
DSS	Division of Student Success
ECE	Excelsior College Examinations
FRG	Family Readiness Groups
GAE	GoArmyEd
LOI	Letter of Instruction
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NCO	Non Commissioned Officer
SMART	Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript
SOC	Servicemembers Opportunity College
SOCAD	Servicemembers Opportunity College Army Degree
TA	Tuition Assistance
TRADOC	US Army Training and Doctrine Command
VA	Veterans Administration
WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
WW	Wounded Warrior