

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MILITARY CREDITS

**Q:** Is GCU a school recognized by Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC)?

**A:** Yes, GCU is proud to be a member of the SOC association of schools.

**Q:** Why is it important for GCU to be a member of SOC?

**A:** SOC pledges to be military-friendly. They design policies within the areas of student services, admissions and marketing that provide accurate information regarding the school, its degree programs, policies and procedures.

**Q:** What are considered appropriate alternative methods of college credit?

**A:** A maximum of 30 credits can come from alternative credit options. Visit the College Transfer Center for more information. > ([link to Transfer Center Page 1](#))

**Q:** Will military training credits apply towards a degree at GCU?

**A:** In addition to other alternative methods of earning college credit listed above, GCU will award an additional 30 credits for military training and experience. In conjunction with the other alternative credit methods, you can transfer in up to 60 credits (30 military training and 30 alternative credit methods). Credits earned above 60 credits, must transfer in from a regionally accredited institution.

**Q:** What information is on the AARTS and SMART transcripts?

**A:** AARTS and SMART transcripts track all of a service member's or veteran's military training and coursework. These transcripts are created by the Army, Navy and Marine Corps in partnership with ACE. Similar in format to college transfer transcripts, AARTS and SMART transcripts list courses completed and occupations evaluated by ACE. They also include course or occupation descriptions, learning outcomes, equivalent college credit recommendations and national college-level exam results.

**Q:** What other documentation will GCU accept in place of AARTS and SMART transcripts?

**A:** GCU will accept the DD295 and the DD214.

**Q:** What needs to be submitted if a student served prior to 1981?

**A:** You need to submit a copy of their DD214 or DD295 for evaluation.

**Q:** What programs at GCU are military-friendly?

**A:** You have the option to enroll in any of our programs. To discuss programs in depth, contact an enrollment counselor at 855-GCU-LOPE.