

Serving Veterans, Service Members, and Their Families



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# Earn your Penn State degree online, on your own time

The idea of distance education is not a new concept for Penn State; we have offered courses at a distance for more than 125 years. Since 1998, we have delivered our degree and certificate programs online through Penn State World Campus.



"Working with World Campus staff to find a degree program I was interested in and knowing that I had that flexibility I needed to succeed made Penn State work perfectly for me."

-Carrie T.

Penn State's online degree programs are built by teams of faculty and instructional designers, ensuring that you get the most out of your online education experience. The courses are designed to be convenient and flexible enough to fit into your busy schedule, while upholding the high quality of Penn State.

Once you complete the requirements for your degree, you will be awarded a diploma that is identical to the one received by any Penn State student. There is no mention on your diploma that you earned your degree online.

### Why Penn State?

Penn State World Campus is the online campus for Penn State. We are nationally recognized for our academic quality, and we have the largest alumni network in the world, a powerful group of more than 750,000 alumni. As a "Penn Stater," you become part of a worldwide network of students and alumni from 50 states, more than 60 countries, and 7 continents.

While Penn State serves all kinds of students, our history of serving the military dates back to 1865, when students were instructed in military drills and tactics. Penn State established an ROTC program in 1916 and has commissioned thousands of officers in all branches of our military. Today, nearly one out of every five World Campus students has served in the military.

### A respected university, supporting our military and veteran students

- > We are highly ranked for online programs for service members and veterans by U.S. News & World Report, Military Times, and the Pennsylvania National Guard Associations.
- We are regionally accredited through the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Many of our degree programs have additional accreditation through their respective organizations, such as our AACSB—accredited MBA.
- > We offer dedicated military support services to aid in the success of veterans, service members, and their families.
- > We are proud to comply with the Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding (DoD MOU), Executive Order 13607 Principles of Excellence, and the 8 Keys to Veterans' Success.

- We participate in ArmylgnitED and Air Force Academic Institution (AI) portals.
- We award credit for military training and experience, and encourage the use of CLEP® and DSST exams.
- > We offer Military Grant-in-Aid, saving service members and their spouses more than 40% on undergraduate tuition.





### Online Degree and Certificate Programs

Our programs have been tailored for students like you. Experience courses with other military students and get the high-quality credential you need. Find more information about our programs and a complete program list at worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates.

#### **Business**

Change careers or advance in your current position with one of more than 60 business programs, including degrees in business administration, project management, finance, accounting, leadership, economics, marketing, and much more.

### Technology, Sciences, and Math

Boost your marketability across numerous industries and occupations as society becomes increasingly dependent on computer technology and risk analysis professionals to safely transmit and store sensitive data.

### Health and Family Services

Develop the expertise to address the health and wellness challenges facing families, communities, and health care organizations.

### **Homeland Security**

The homeland security portfolio at Penn State World Campus offers seven master's degree options and nine graduate certificates to help you customize your program to meet your personal and professional goals.

### **Engineering**

Differentiate yourself with a well-known, respected engineering degree or certificate in areas of study ranging from software and systems engineering to engineering management.

### Law and Public Policy

Our diverse portfolio of programs allows you the opportunity to pick how and where you make a difference. Start by choosing from undergraduate programs in criminal justice, law and society, or political science. Then continue your journey with a graduate program in public administration, criminal justice, or community development.

#### Education

Make a positive impact in the classroom by pursuing a degree in education. Choose from a variety of options, from adult education and special education to instructional design and technology.

### Nursing

Stand out in the medical profession with an accredited nursing degree or certificate. Choose from programs such as RN to BSN, MSN, and Doctor of Nursing Practice.

### **Turfgrass**

Our degrees are designed to not only enrich your knowledge in turfgrass science, but also sharpen your skills in areas such as business management, communications, and basic and applied sciences.

### Energy and Sustainability

Take advantage of our nationally recognized programs to build the strong science, ethics, and analytical skills required for careers in the energy and sustainability sector.

### Geospatial

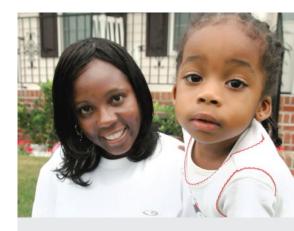
Leverage GIS technology to solve real-world problems in environmental resource management, urban planning, public safety, and more.

### Human Resources, Labor, and Employment Relations

Meet the challenges of recruiting talented employees. Improve employeremployee relations. Penn State's School of Labor and Employment Relations has been designing highquality programs since 1942.

### Liberal Arts and Communications

Gain critical thinking and communication skills important in all professions while exploring a variety of academic areas, including digital journalism, history, psychology, and social sciences.



"I joined the Army to earn money for school, and now I will retire from the Army a more marketable soldier, thanks to Penn State."

-Sharon B.

### **Tuition Assistance and Financial Aid**

Your education is one of the most important investments you can make for your future, and there are many financial resources available to you as a military-affiliated student.

### Military Grant-in-Aid

Service members and their spouses can save more than 40% on Penn State World Campus undergraduate tuition with Military Grant-in-Aid, making a Penn State degree affordable for military-affiliated learners. This program is offered to all members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve and the Coast Guard.

### Military/Veteran Scholarships

Penn State World Campus is proud to offer scholarship opportunities to first-time or returning undergraduate degree students. Many are designed to provide financial support specifically for our active-duty and veteran students. All scholarships are for both full-time and part-time learners.

### MyCAA Scholarship for Military Spouses

If you are a military spouse pursuing an associate degree, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) scholarship program, which may be combined with our Military Grant-in-Aid benefit to help

you reduce your overall tuition costs. Our military advisers can help you through the application process.

### Military Tuition Assistance

Service members may be eligible for military tuition assistance, which could cover a large portion of the cost of attendance. TA can be combined with Military Grant-in-Aid, scholarships, or other benefits to greatly reduce or eliminate out-of-pocket costs. Service members interested in pursuing graduate studies may be eligible for a 5% tuition reduction through Penn State World Campus' alliance program with the federal government.

### **VA Education Benefits**

Our online degree programs are approved for use with GI Bill® education benefits.

For assistance in understanding and using your VA education benefits at Penn State World Campus, contact our school certifying officials at 814-863-6638 or militarybenefits@worldcampus.psu.edu.

Beyond your military education benefits, you may also be eligible for many state and federal financial aid resources.



### Frequently Asked Questions

# How do you support military and veteran students?

We have dedicated military admissions counselors and advising staff — many of whom are veterans — who understand the needs of our military-affiliated students. Our military support staff can help you identify a program of study, guide you through the admissions process, and support you in identifying financial resources to help you pay for your college education.

# How liberal is your policy regarding the number of transfer credits accepted?

To earn a degree from our university, a student must take — from Penn State — 18 of the last 30 credits for an associate degree and 36 of the last 60 credits for a bachelor's degree.

# What are your policies if a service member becomes activated?

We refund 100% of the tuition and fees for military withdrawals. Our military advisers also work closely with faculty to develop acceptable accommodations so that students who need to withdraw do not lose the effort they have already put forth in their course work

# Do you award academic credit for military training and experience?

Yes. We award academic credit for MOSs/Ratings/AFSCs/SFSCs, ACE—evaluated military training, and exams from CLEP and DSST. We also waive the SAT and ACT tests as an admission requirement for adult learners, including service members and veterans.

### **Contact Us**

#### **Admissions Questions**

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