



Is the SOCAD Army Career Degree plan right for me?

You can view the full list of completed Army Career Degrees by MOS on-line at:

<http://www.soc.aascu.org/socad/DegBldrsA.html>

Link to your MOS and explore the available degrees negotiated specifically to your MOS.

Download the one that best fits your educational and professional goals.

ACTION PLAN

- Step 1.** Examine the degree requirements for your MOS's SOCAD Army Career Degree noting military training and experiences that will satisfy specific degree requirements.
- Step 2.** Tell your Army Education Services counselor that you want to pursue a SOCAD Army Career Degree. Discuss with the counselor any college courses you have completed that may apply to the degree.
- Step 3.** Contact the college representative listed in the SOCAD ACD degree map if there is no local representative available to explore how to enroll in the desired degree program. The college will complete an evaluation of your military credit and prior college experiences to let you know where you stand in terms of remaining degree requirements. The college representative will assist you with the college application and registration processes.
- Step 4.** Once enrolled in the degree program, request a SOCAD Student Agreement from your home institution.

If you or anyone assisting you needs help with the SOCAD Army Career Degree go to the SOC web site for additional information. If questions remain, use the SOCAD ACD links provided for personal assistance by e-mail or call 800-368-5622.

What is SOCAD?

SOCAD Stands for "SOC Army Degrees." It consists of a select group of about 122 of the more than 1,700 SOC colleges. They evaluate your past learning experiences (college courses, tests, MOS's, Army schools, etc.) and provide you with a SOCAD Student Agreement that lists credits awarded and those still needed to graduate. If you relocate and must complete your degree with courses from other colleges, they guarantee to accept transfer courses from SOCAD colleges without individual approval.

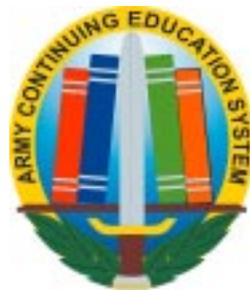


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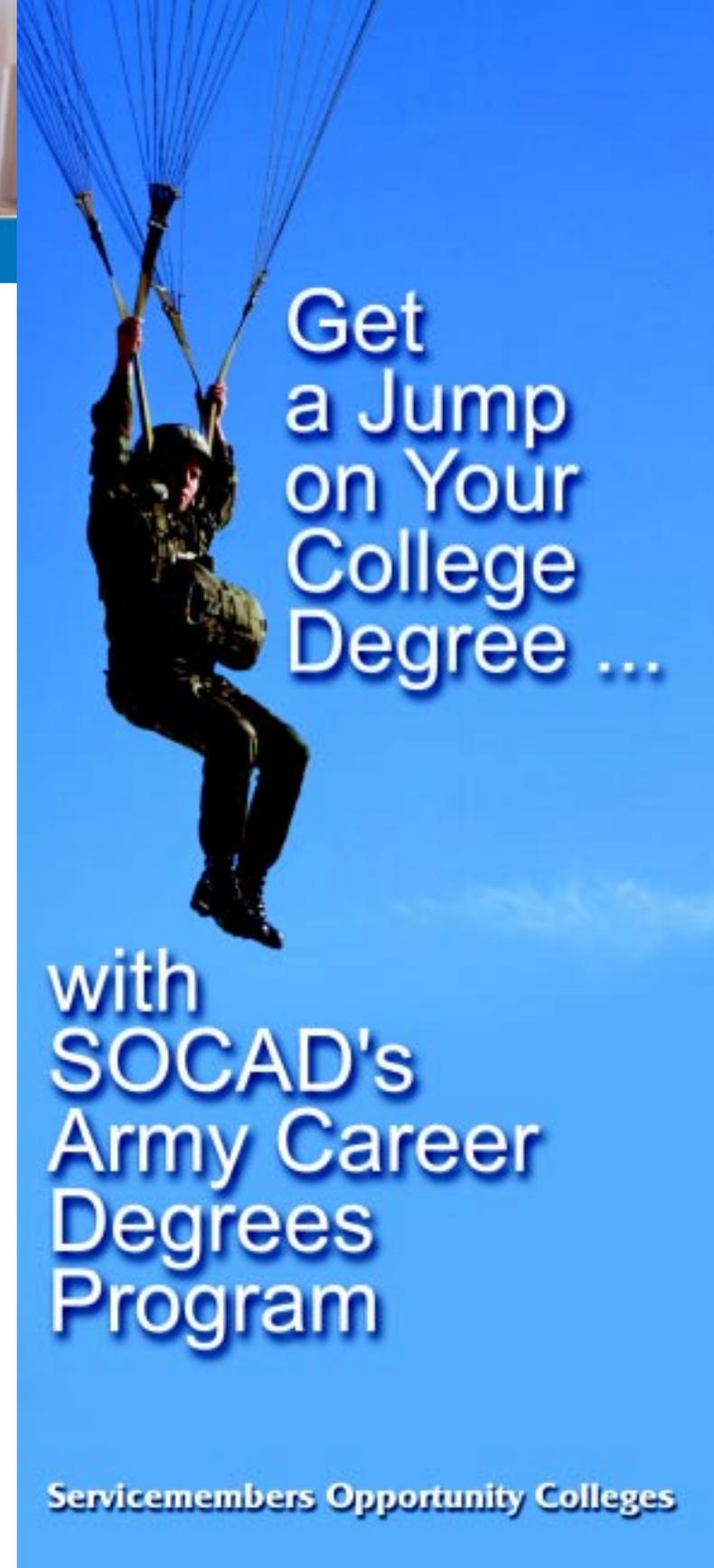
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What are SOCAD Army Career Degrees?

SOCAD Army Career Degrees are Associate and Bachelor's degrees:

- directly related to soldiers' military occupational specialties (MOSs),
- provided by civilian institutions that award maximum credit for related military training and occupational experiences, and
- provide the distance learning course options to fill any remaining knowledge gaps toward requirements.

SOCAD Army Career Degree (ACD) plans include college credit granted for:

- Army MOS and service schools
- National Testing programs such as CLEP, DANTES, ECE
- Distance Learning courses listed in the DANTES *Independent Study Catalog*
- Occupational Certifications and Licensure Exams (e.g., FAA)

Army Career Degrees are continuously being updated and developed for additional MOSs. Soldiers are encouraged to check the SOCAD Web site for the current list at:

<http://www.soc.aascu.org/socad/DegBldrsA.html>

On average, soldiers can earn 10-15 semester hours of college credit for their service school training and occupational specialty work experience upon entry. That's certainly getting a jump on your college degree!

Academic credit for Army training and MOS experiences has been pre-negotiated between the college/university and SOCAD professional educators. Soldiers benefit from SOCAD guaranteed course transferability from more than 100 SOCAD civilian colleges offering classroom-based instruction on or near Army installations as well as growing number of distance learning providers.

Senior non-commissioned officers and subject matter experts in your MOS provided input and advice on the selection of these degrees relevant to your specialty. Army Career Degrees are often presented to soldiers during AIT and BNCOC as career enhancement opportunities. One unique feature of the Army Career Degrees program is that it outlines military credit awards for typical training experiences for soldiers in your MOS — from Basic Training through the Sergeant Majors Academy — plus credit awards for all MOS skill levels. Knowing what college credits will be awarded *when* you make Staff Sergeant or Sergeant First Class will insure that you do not take courses now that would later be satisfied through evaluated credit for you military experiences.

How are SOC, SOCAD, and SOCAD Army Career Degrees related?

SOC stands for Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, a consortium of more than 1,700 colleges and universities pledged to deal fairly with soldiers on issues that concern them like credit for military training and experience, residency, credit transfer, and testing.

SOCAD is the acronym for SOC Army Degrees, more than 120 of the SOC institutions that take additional steps like providing individual evaluations and degree plans called SOCAD Student Agreements and participating in course transfer guarantees within hundreds of SOC Course Categories.

SOCAD Army Career Degrees are detailed individual degree plans created by selected SOCAD colleges that pre-evaluate military credit recommendations for specific MOSs and match them to degrees normally taken by civilians similar occupations.

The SOCAD ACD program is one of several options available to soldiers. Consider a regular SOCAD degree offered by one of the more than 120 colleges and universities conducting traditional classes at Army installations worldwide. There are additional distance learning options in SOCAD that use Internet and other distance learning instructional media. SOCAD also offers degrees from Learning Assessment colleges that evaluate your experiences for credit, identify what you still need to learn, and manage your program to completion with no residency requirement.

If earning a college degree is not something you want to do right now, there are certification and licensure options you can pursue. Go to the Credentialing Opportunities On-line (COOL) Web site:

<https://www.cool.army.mil>

Learn how these opportunities can enhance your career within the military and your civilian employment options after your enlistment.

Discuss your professional development options with an Army Education Center counselor.