



# The MCRD Education Center

"WE STRIVE TO SERVE YOU BETTER EVERYDAY"

4025 Tripoli Ave., Bldg. 111, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA 92140-5293



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Open Monday through Friday  
Office Hours: 0730 – 1600  
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### Services Provided

**Military Education Benefits (TA, GI Bill)**  
**Academic & Technical Program Advising/Resources**  
**Career Guidance**  
**Financial Aid (FAFSA, Scholarships, and Other)**  
**Joint Services Transcript (JST)**  
**Online Academic Skills Course (OASC)**  
**Marine Corps COOL Program (MCCOOL)**  
**Military Apprenticeship (USMAP)**  
**DANTES Credit-by-Exam (CLEP & DSST)**  
**Proctor College Exams (Long Distance Learning)**  
**Military Testing Section Information and Referral**  
**Marine & Family Program Information and Referral**

### Online Resources

**MCRD Education Webpage:**  
<https://sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/education>  
**Joint Knowledge Online (JKO):** <https://jkodirect.jten.mil>  
**Joint Services Transcript (JST):** <https://jst.doded.mil/jst>  
**USMC COOL:** <https://www.cool.osd.mil/usmc/overview/index.htm>  
**Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP):**  
<https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmap/>  
**Officer Programs:** <http://www.marines.com/officer>  
**MYCAA:** <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/>  
**GI Bill/Financial Aid:** [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) <https://studentaid.gov/>  
**Free Online Tutoring:** <https://military.tutor.com/>  
**DANTES:** <https://www.dantes.petersons.com/>  
**TA Decide:** <https://www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE/>

### Local Marine and Navy Education Centers

MCRD San Diego 619-524-8158/1275  
MCB Camp Pendleton 760-725-6660/6414  
MCAS Miramar 858-307-1801  
Navy Education go to [www.navycollege.navy.mil](http://www.navycollege.navy.mil)

### Career Resource Center, Bldg. 14

**VA Rep.-Robert Hill, Office Phone: (619) 929-3741**  
Email: [robert.hill6@va.gov](mailto:robert.hill6@va.gov)  
**Voc. Rehab Email:** [vre.vbasdc@va.gov](mailto:vre.vbasdc@va.gov)

**FMEAP-Connie Vasquez, Phone:(619) 524-8640**  
Email: [connie.vasquez@usmc.mil](mailto:connie.vasquez@usmc.mil)

**SkillBridge-James Stewart, Phone:(619) 524-0035**  
Email: [james.stewart@usmc.mil](mailto:james.stewart@usmc.mil)

### Testing Schedule and Locations

**CLEP (College Level Examination Program)**  
**DSST (Subject Standardized Tests)**  
Email: [testingservices@nu.edu](mailto:testingservices@nu.edu) or call 858-541-7951  
**DLPT, DLAB, ASVAB, ARC/RCAT, EDPT, AFCT, GCT**  
MCRD Bldg. 622 (IPAC), Room 121  
Walk ins welcome Monday through Wednesday; call 619-524-1993 to confirm availability.  
**MASP (Military Academic Skills Program) and TABE Administration**  
MCB Camp Pendleton - 760-725-6414

### On-base College Programs

**National University** (4-week terms)  
Center Assistant: (619) 563-7482 [www.nu.edu](http://www.nu.edu)  
**Columbia College** (8-week terms)  
Academic Advisor: (866) 594-2330 [www.ccis.edu](http://www.ccis.edu)  
**For updates on visiting colleges** call the Education Office at (619) 524-8158 or 1275.

### **Tuition Assistance (TA) Funding Policy and Eligibility Requirements (MCO 1560.25)**

TA authorization is contingent upon command approval and meeting eligibility requirements.

**TA Cap: \$4,500.00 per FY; \$250 per semester hour; \$166.67 per quarter hour; \$16.67 per clock hour.**

#### **FIRST TIME TA APPLICANT**

- Must be eligible for promotion (determined by command)
- Meet **one** of the following criteria: Completed 10SH with no grade lower than a C; AFQT score of 50; GT score of 100; **If criteria are not met**, SM will complete the OASC (Online Academic Skills Course)
- Complete the Personal Readiness Seminar (P-US1395) through Joint Knowledge Online (JKO)
- Limited to 1 course initially, unless Marine has documented 31SH academic credits and 2.5 GPA
- TA application must be submitted, command approved and authorized by the education office **PRIOR** to course start date; SM can submit TA application 60 days in advance.

**WEBTA Link:** <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/webta>

**Submit Grade(s) to:** [john.goodson@usmc.mil](mailto:john.goodson@usmc.mil) or [rong.zhang@usmc.mil](mailto:rong.zhang@usmc.mil)

## Virtual TA Orientation Brief



**\*Registration via Eventbrite or Scan QR Code**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/mcrd-sdwrr-personal-professional-development-31023854379>

**2024 Dates:**

**JAN 10<sup>th</sup>   FEB 14<sup>th</sup>   MAR 13<sup>th</sup>   APR 10<sup>th</sup>   MAY 08<sup>th</sup>   JUN 12<sup>th</sup>  
JUL 10<sup>th</sup>   AUG 14<sup>th</sup>   SEP 11<sup>th</sup>   OCT 09<sup>th</sup>   NOV 13<sup>th</sup>   DEC 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Time:**

**0800-0930**

## In-Person TA Orientation Brief



**\*No pre-registration required; walk-ins welcomed!**

**\*Offered once a month at the MCRD Education Center, BLDG 111**

**2024 Dates:**

**JAN 24<sup>th</sup>   FEB 28<sup>th</sup>   MAR 27<sup>th</sup>   APR 24<sup>th</sup>   MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>   JUN 26<sup>th</sup>  
JUL 24<sup>th</sup>   AUG 28<sup>th</sup>   SEP 25<sup>th</sup>   OCT 23<sup>rd</sup>   NOV 20<sup>th</sup>   DEC 18<sup>th</sup>**

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