



The MCRD Education Center

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Marine Corps Recruit Depot

4025 Tripoli Ave., Bldg. 111

San Diego, CA 92140-5293



Open: Monday - Friday

Office Hours: 0730 -1600

Phone Number: 619-524-8158/1275

MCRD Education Webpage:

<https://sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/education>

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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)

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

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

<https://studentaid.gov/>

Free Online Tutoring: <https://military.tutor.com/>

TA Decide: <https://www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE>

Local Marine & Navy Education Centers

MCRD San Diego: 619-524-8158/1275 MCB Camp Pendleton: 760-725-6660/6414

MCAS Miramar: 858-307-1801

Navy Education: www.navycollege.navy.mil

Career Resource Center, BLDG 14

Career Resource/TRP:

Phone: (619) 524-1283/0035, Email: mcrdsd.wrr-trp@usmc.mil

SkillBridge:

Phone: (619) 524-1275/0035, Email: mcrdsd.wrr-trp@usmc.mil

Family Member Employment Assistance Program - Connie Vasquez:

- Phone: (619) 524-8640, Email: connie.vasquez@usmc.mil

VA Rep. Robert Hill:

- Phone: (858) 424-0288, Email: robert.hill6@va.gov

Voc. Rehab Email: vre.vbasdc@va.gov

Testing Schedule & Locations

CLEP (College Level Examination Program) & DSST (Subject Standardized Tests):

- Email: 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): Enrollment Advisor - (855) 355-6288 ext. 0338 www.nu.edu

Columbia College (8-week terms): Academic Advisor - (866) 594-2330 www.ccis.edu

For updates on visiting colleges call the Education Office at (619) 524-8158/1275



The MCRD Education Center: Tuition Assistance

Phone Number: 619-524-8158/1275

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Tuition Assistance (TA) Funding Policy and Eligibility Requirements (NAVMC 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

STEP 1. Attend a TA Orientation Brief. Contact the Education Office to confirm brief dates and register.

STEP 2. Complete the Personal Financial Management or Personal Readiness Seminar through JKO.

STEP 3. Choose your university and complete the enrollment process to start for your first course. Consider your options carefully to find the best fit for you!

STEP 4. Submit your TA request via WebTA prior to the start of class or TA will not fund your course.

STEP 5. Turn in your TA voucher form to your school for payment.

STEP 6. At the completion of class it is the student’s responsibility to submit grades Submit Grade(S) to:
john.goodson@usmc.mil or rong.zhang@usmc.mil

WEBTA Link: <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/webta/home.html#nbb>

Virtual TA Brief

Registration link:

http://ppd_mcrdsandiego-wrr.eventbrite.com

QR Code:



2026 Dates:

14JAN 11FEB 11MAR 08APR 13MAY 10JUN
08JUL 12AUG 09SEP 14OCT 04NOV 09DEC
Time: 0800-0930

In-Person TA Brief

No pre-registration required; walk-ins welcomed!

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

2026 Dates:

28JAN 25FEB 25MAR 22APR 27MAY 24JUN
22JUL 26AUG 23SEP 28OCT 18NOV 16DEC
Time: 0800-0930

In Person PRS

Course held at BLDG 14
(across from the gym) here
on base at MCRD San Diego

2026 Dates

Time: 0800-1100

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