



DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
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We anticipate a growing number of service members to enter the civilian workforce in the coming year. About 10–12 percent of returning service men and women will require assistance to obtain employment upon their return. Partnerships between Utah's post-secondary educational institutions and recruiting employers and other veteran organizations are critical to ensure that each veteran and service man or woman who requires services is assisted.

The Accelerated Credentialing to Employment Program (ACE) assists service men and women by crosswalking their military training and work experience to comparable civilian employment.

PURPOSE

The ACE program wants to help Utah veterans and actively drilling service members of the guard and reserve attain employment through educational or vocational degrees or certificates based on their military training and experience. This is accomplished by:

- Developing an educational assessment with Utah's post-secondary educational institutions
- Assisting with identifying skills and training obtained through military service (VMET, equivalent to a transcript)
- Connecting to Utah's licensing and certification agencies upon completion of the desired degree or certificate
- Providing information on how credits for military training may be obtained at Utah's post-secondary educational institutions (matrix)
- Marketing the services of DWS to service members attending the school and those who have recently dropped out on a quarterly basis (letters)
- Assisting with temporary employment or other support services needed while attending classes or training
- Following up to gather employment and educational outcome information

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

An educational assessment will provide a pathway for the service member to complete his or her degree or certification by:

- Defining previous skills and training (VMET)
- Identifying employment interests that previous skills and training will enhance
- Providing a comparison of educational institutions that give credit to service members for desired degree or certificate
- Identifying desired educational institution
- Applying for desired program and classes
- Defining timeline and completion dates
- Coordinating with DWS staff for support and counseling services on campus if needed

PROGRAM MEASURES

DWS ACE Specialists will be required to track the following:

- Outreach efforts for newly engaged veterans or service members
- Referrals to employment services
- Enrollment in educational institutions
- Completed degree, license or certification
- Job placements