

TORII STATION EDUCATION CENTER ACES NEWSLETTER

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Spring Session II College Registration is on-going!
Term Dates: 18 March – 12 May 2013

Hot News



✚ EDUCATION FIGHTS RECESSION

A study by the U.S. Census data by Pew Economic Mobility Project reflect the following data - The current unemployment rate is 3.9 percent for those with a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 6.9 percent for those with an associate's or some college and 8 percent for those with just a high school education. The study also shows before recession, recent four year college graduates earned \$681 per week on average. After the recession, that figure declined 5 percent to \$645. But, for holders of associate's degrees, average wages fell 12 percent from \$512 to \$452, and for high school graduates they fell 10 percent from \$438 to \$394.

✚ MOOCs

Ever heard of Massive Open Online Courses or MOOCs? Several elite schools, such as MIT and Stanford are putting course content on the WEB for free so anyone in the World can obtain knowledge in the form of short videos and quizzes on their laptops or smartphones. People who complete these courses receive certificates but not college credits. Some schools in the states are considering allowing students to pay for credit hours after successfully completing an online course taught by a MOOC professor. Udacity, Coursera and edX are all creating these courses online. MOOCs will not replace traditional higher education, but it does look like it will give students another avenue for higher education.

✚ GI BILL EDUCATION BENEFIT

\$ Changes in Post 9/11 Education GI Bill Benefits

Private School up to \$18,077 per academic School Year (SY).
Vocational Flight School not to exceed \$10,300 per SY.
Correspondence Schools not to exceed \$8,780 per SY.
Foreign School up to \$18,077 per SY.
Monthly Housing Allowance @ foreign school is \$1,368 per month.

▪ Soldiers who request to transfer their education benefits **on after 1 Aug 2013 will incur a 4-year Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO) regardless of their total service.**
*Soldier who has 20 Years of service on/or after 2 Aug 2012 will incur a 4-year ADSO. Contact career counselor for further question.

✚ AARTS to JST

AARTS will be transitioning to the Joint Services Transcript (JST.) The JST will produce a uniform transcript of all military training and experiences to Service members of all branches. This new Electronic transcript service will include Army Officer and Warrant Officer training, joint military training conducted by other services and DANTES funded Test Scores. The merger of AARTS TO JST has been delayed and is expected to launch by 1 March 2013.

✚ BRIEFINGS

Need information on the MGIB or the Post 9/11 GI Bill educational benefits? Call the Torii Station Counselor at 644-4954 or drop by M-F between 0700-1530 at the Education Center, Bldg 246, Room 103.

* All briefings start at 1300 and will take place in the Torii Station Education Center, Bldg 246.

BRIEF DATES	SUBJECT
6 FEB (Wed)	Spouse Financial Aid/College Info (Open to All)
7 FEB (Thu)	Post 9/11 GI Bill (Open to All)
14 FEB (Thu)	College Orientation (Soldiers only)
20 FEB (Wed)	Spouse Financial Aid/College Info (Open to All)
21 FEB (Thu)	Post 9/11 GI Bill (Open to All)
28 FEB (Thu)	College Orientation (Soldiers only)
6 MAR (Wed)	Spouse Financial Aid/College Info (Open to All)
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✚ ONLINE ACADEMIC SKILLS COURSE (OASC)

This 2 week, 40 hour class is designed to improve individual skills levels especially for Soldiers who want to raise their GT scores. Contact Torii Education Center for more details.

PRE-TABE	COURSE DATES/TIME
12 APR 13 @0730	15-26 APR 13 @1200-1600

Anyone interested in attending this course must take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) . Please contact the Torii Education Center for the next TABE date.

JAPANESE HEADSTART PROGRAM

- ◆ Purpose: This program is designed to provide an orientation to Soldiers on the language and culture of Japan. It is mandatory for all Soldiers and Department of Army Civilians who have never been stationed in Japan (Ref: USARJ/I Corps (FWD) CG's Policy #08-12.)
- ◆ Contact Education Center for sign up.

Next Three Months	JPH Schedule
11-15 Feb & 25 Feb-1 Mar	0800-1600 (Mon-Fri) RM 107, BLDG. 246, Torii Station
11-15 Mar & 25-29 Mar	
8-12 Apr & 22-26 Apr	



TESTING INFORMATION

GMAT: The GMAT exam is owned by Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC.) They develop and deliver the exam with the help of their service providers: Pearson Vue and ACT. The only Military testing site on Okinawa is at the National Testing Center on Kadena Air base (634-2872).

Registration: <https://www.mba.com/service/reg-profile?Action=1&SSLSwitch=1>

GRE: DANTES funds only one administration each of the GRE General (CBT) and GRE Subject (paper-based) exams per lifetime for eligible Service members. GRE Subject exams taken at a National Test Center are not reimbursable both available at Okinawa Christian School International which is the only available site on Okinawa- local phone # 958-3000. OCSI testing center ID is 10467 (helpful when you are registering online).

Registration: http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register

DANTES reimburses eligible military examinees only for the test fee after the administration of the test. Military examinees must seek reimbursement within 90 days from the test date. The examinee is responsible for scheduling the test and paying for the GMAT/GRE up-front.

To apply for GMAT reimbursement: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Exams/Docs/gmat_reimbursement_form.pdf

To apply for GRE reimbursement: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Exams/Docs/gre_reimbursement_form.pdf

TORII EDUCATION CENTER CONTACT NUMBERS

Open Mon-Fri 0730-1630 (closed Thu 0730-1230)

- ☐ Education Services Officer 644-5188
- ☐ Education Counselor 644-4954
- ☐ GoArmyEd/Other Assistance 644-4684/4463
- ☐ Testing Office 644-4390
- ☐ Headstart Instructor 644-4038
- ☐ Voting Assistance 644-5188

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM INSTITUTIONS:

- ☐ UMUC-Asia Torii Representative 644-4957
 - ☐ CTC-Pacific Torii Representative 644-4049
 - ☐ Bowie State University 645-2559 (BS in Secondary Education Degree)
- <http://webapps.umuc.edu/soc/asia.cfm?fAcad=UBSU&fLoc=ALL>

GRADUATE PROGRAM INSTITUTIONS:

(Located on Kadena Air Base)

- ☐ TROY UNIVERSITY 959-3940 <http://pacific.troy.edu/offices/kadena.html>
- ☐ UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX 959-0123/9845 http://www.phoenix.edu/colleges_divisions/military-overseas/asia-pacific/japan/kadena-afb-education-center.html



Spring Session II Course	Location: Date/Time	Torii Education Center	
		Subject	Instructor
IFSM 201	THE & THU 1700-1945	Information Technology	Mr. Shah
JAPN 111	MON & WED 1700-1945	Elementary Japanese	Ms. Miyagi



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For more information contact Ashley Cree (Central Texas College Area Director) DSN: 645-5840

▶ **Spring Session II CTC schedule, please see** http://www.pfec.ctcd.edu/Course_Schedules.htm