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CLEP will participate in the **DoD Worldwide Education Symposium 2009 (WW09)** in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 27-31. For more information please visit [www.ww09atlanta.com](http://www.ww09atlanta.com).

## New CLEP Test Development Committee

### Members Named

CLEP has appointed 18 faculty members from a range of two- and four-year institutions to review and shape exams.

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## New Exam Prep Web Pages for Students

Make sure your students have the study tools they need to succeed on a CLEP exam.

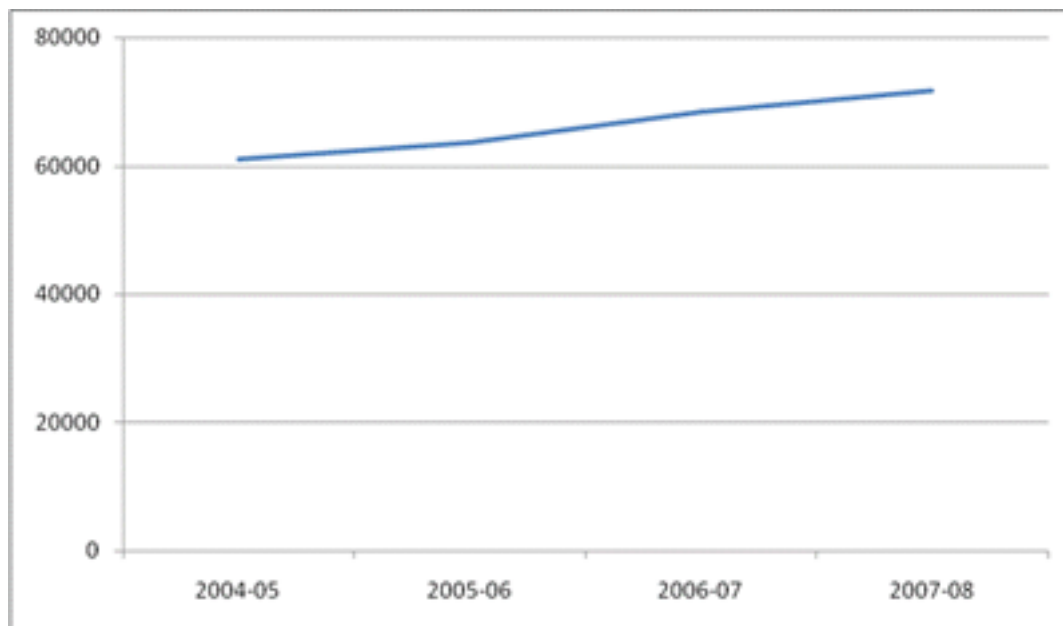
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## A Brief Look at CLEP and the Military

CLEP and the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), the organization that provides education support to the Department of Defense, have worked together for over 30 years to expand educational options for active-duty and reserve service members. As a result of this partnership, men and women in all branches of the military, stationed all around the world, may take CLEP exams at no charge. In 2007-08, over 70,000 exams were administered to service members; more than 11,000 of these were administered to forward-deployed service members, with the largest volumes administered in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For many years CLEP exams were only administered at education centers on military bases and to deployed service members in various military settings. To keep pace with demand and to make CLEP exams more accessible, testing options were expanded in 2004 when, for the first time, military personnel could take CLEP exams at test centers on college campuses. This enhancement greatly increased access to CLEP testing for military personnel and was a positive step for the test centers as service members came to their campuses to test and later enroll. The increased testing options for the military have resulted in steady increases in demand.

### Funded CLEP Exams, 2004-2008



With the cost of college rising, and a significant number of service members seeking their degrees, CLEP continues to play a key role in military education.

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## Helping Veterans Make the Most of the GI Bill

Passed into law on June 30, 2008, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 includes three general components that enhance education benefits for service members and veterans. The bill:

- Creates a new veterans education benefits program for service members on active duty on or after September 10, 2001
- Increases veterans education benefits under the preexisting Montgomery GI Bill
- Authorizes the Defense Department to develop a program that allows active-duty service members to transfer education benefits to their family members

The new bill puts additional educational funding into the pockets of service members and veterans who wish to enroll in college as they transition to civilian life. According to the American Council on Education (ACE), the new bill generally provides a better package of benefits in terms of eligibility criteria and financial value than the old provisions. However, the best option for each service member will depend on his or her circumstances.

Colleges with CLEP policies are ideally positioned to enroll these prospective students in degree programs.

- CLEP test centers can administer DANTES-funded exams to active-duty military and to veterans.
- CLEP campus administrators and advisors seeking to enroll and serve veterans and military should make sure the credit-granting policy for CLEP and other credit-by-exams programs is prominently posted where veterans and

service members can find it, and that it clearly lists the exam titles, scores required, and amount of credit granted.

- Advisors and military and veteran liaisons should be familiar with the CLEP policy, have copies of the policy available, and be ready to answer questions.

To learn more about the new GI Bill visit the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website](#).

[Read the ACE Q&A on the Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008.](#)

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## Grant Opportunity for Successful Veteran Programs

The American Council on Education (ACE) has released [application guidelines](#) for its ACE/Wal-Mart Success for Veterans Award Grants. Applications for the 20 available \$100,000 grants are due by noon EST on Monday, March 2, 2009.

The ACE/Wal-Mart Success for Veterans Award Grants will recognize higher education institutions for demonstrated leadership in developing programs to increase access to and success in postsecondary education for veterans and their families. Each recipient will be presented with an award grant to support the further development of these programs and services and to participate in the dissemination of lessons learned and best practices.

The Success for Veterans Award Grants are part of ACE's Serving Those Who Serve initiative, a multiyear effort designed to effect major changes in how veterans learn about their education benefits and postsecondary options and how institutional leaders can build capacity to serve veterans on their campuses. The agenda will also include a college planning website and outreach campaign to inform veterans about accessing and utilizing their education benefits, research-based publications, and regional meetings to ease implementation of the new GI Bill benefits.

For more information, visit [www.acenet.edu/STWS](http://www.acenet.edu/STWS).

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## DANTES: Helping Service Members Complete Their Degrees



The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), which provides education support to the Department of Defense, celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. DANTES services extend throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) to help military personnel complete their postsecondary education programs. Its services cover all branches of the military and their Reserve components.

Informally, DANTES also serves as a broker for the DoD to the American academic community by evaluating the educational programs that are available



in the civilian world and then determining if those programs can be imported into the military.

DANTES aims to provide service members with the same educational opportunities available to civilians—and its success in doing so enables the agency to use education as a recruiting and retention tool. As a result, many service members enter the military planning to continue their pursuit of higher education, rather than to defer working toward a degree.

#### According to the United States Department of Veteran Affairs...

Over 500,000 military personnel, veterans, and eligible dependents utilized their GI Bill (education) benefits in fiscal year 2007.

Source: <http://www.gibill.va.gov>

Access to credit-by-examination is among the services offered by the agency. "DANTES has had an absolutely wonderful relationship with CLEP for over 30 years, to the extent that CLEP has become institutionalized within the military," says Dr. Jeffrey Cropsey, the director of DANTES since 2005. "There's an emotional boost that education gives to service members and CLEP plays an important role. Suddenly young service members realized that they had a year of college under their belts and this long journey that they thought was ahead of them had been reduced by 25 percent, maybe more. That provides a new self-confidence."

The DANTES testing program provides another benefit as well. Dr. Cropsey adds, "This year through credit-by-exam programs, we're saving in the neighborhood of \$40 million ... which would have ordinarily been spent on tuition assistance to pay for courses." CLEP is the credit-by-exam program most widely used by service members.

DANTES also offers support materials for counselors. Visit the [DANTES website](#) to learn more about the agency.

#### Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC)

DANTES works closely with SOC (Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges), an organization created in 1972 to provide educational opportunities to service members. Today, SOC is a consortium of [more than 1,800 colleges and universities](#). For more information about SOC, including how to join, visit [www.soc.aascu.org](http://www.soc.aascu.org).

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## Top Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities Announced

*Military Advanced Education*, a publication of KMI Media Group, has announced the selections for its [second annual Top Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities](#) list. Honorees were selected by an independent panel of judges from the fields of both education and the military. Their selections are based on each institution's favorable policies toward our men and women in uniform. Congratulations to the winners!

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## New CLEP Test Development Committee Members Named

Since the beginning of the academic year, CLEP has appointed 18 new members to serve on its test development committees.

More than 600 faculty members from institutions across the country are involved in the CLEP test development and standard-setting processes. The development of each exam is overseen by a standing test development committee consisting of three or four faculty members, each of whom teaches the content covered in the exam. This committee reviews and shapes exam questions and specifications on a regular basis. Committee members are appointed for one-year terms.

CLEP welcomes new committee members for the following exams:

### **American Literature**

Dr. David Carlson, California State University, San Bernardino

### **Biology**

Prof. Douglas C. Ure, Chemeketa Community College

### **College Algebra**

Dr. Donna Flint, South Dakota State University

### **English Composition**

Dr. Janice K. Edgerson, University of Texas at San Antonio

### **Financial Accounting**

Dr. Lynn Clements, Florida Southern College

### **French Language**

Prof. Stuart N. Smith, Austin Community College

### **History of the United States I and II**

Dr. Yanek Mieczkowski, Dowling College

### **Humanities**

Dr. Eugene Greco, Miami Dade College

### **Human Growth and Development**

Dr. Thomas Coyle, University of Texas at San Antonio

### **Introduction to Educational Psychology**

Dr. Diane Finley, Prince George's Community College

### **Introductory Business Law**

Dr. Martha Salzman, University at Buffalo-State University of New York

### **Introductory Psychology**

Dr. Juan Salinas, University of Texas at Austin

### **Natural Sciences**

Dr. Amy Jessen-Marshall, Otterbein College

### **Principles of Macroeconomics and Microeconomics**

Dr. Robert Eisenstadt, University of Louisiana Monroe

### **Principles of Management**

Dr. Jeffrey Lineman, Northwest Nazarene University

### **Principles of Marketing**

Dr. Richard M. Dailey, University of Texas at Arlington

### **Spanish Language**

Dr. Gillian Lord, University of Florida

Dr. Yaw Agawu-Kakraba, Penn State Altoona

See a complete list of the [current CLEP test development committee members](#) for each exam.

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### Preparing for CLEP

#### Getting Ready to Take a CLEP Exam

CLEP examinations test knowledge that you have acquired outside of a college classroom. You may have learned the material through:

- Independent studies
- Advanced high school or other courses
- On-the-job training
- Cultural pursuits

Most candidates study on their own for the exams. You should determine if a quick review of the material provides you with sufficient preparation, or if you need to develop a full study plan.

We recommend that you consult a textbook for the course at your college that is comparable to the exam you plan to take. You can also:

- Learn more about creating a [study plan](#).
- Review [free study resources](#), including textbook suggestions and links to online course content.
- Read [study tips from students](#) who have already taken CLEP exams.

Preparation resources for also available for sale through our [online store](#).

#### CLEP Preparation Resources

##### Studying for CLEP

- ▢ Share your study tips.
- ▢ Read tips from other students.
- ▢ Review free study resources.

Become familiar with the computer-based test:

- ▢ Try the [CLEP Sampler](#) (.zip/684KB; PC only; you will need a compression utility such as [WinZip](#)).

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##### CLEP Official Study Guide 2009

This guide, published by the College Board, is the only complete source of information about the CLEP exams. It contains sample questions and answers for all 34 exams, information on getting credit for CLEP, and exam-taking tips. [Buy the CLEP Official Study Guide now.](#)

##### CLEP Individual Exam Guides

If you're taking just one or two CLEP exams, consider purchasing individual exam guides. These contain the same content for each subject that appears in the CLEP Official Study Guide, including an outline of the test, sample

**CLEP Policies**  
CLEP Policies vary from college

Many students have asked for more comprehensive study material for CLEP exams. In response, CLEP has expanded the free exam preparation information available to students on its website.

In addition to preparation tips, the new pages include lists of suggested textbooks in the exam disciplines and links to free online archives, courses, and course materials.

Visit [Preparing for CLEP](#) to access these new resources.

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