Explore your military or civilian options

Whether you’re pursuing promotional opportunities in the military or planning for a civilian career, the Associate of Arts with a Professional Focus can help you prepare. Offering a solid foundation in liberal arts and sciences, this degree program includes a professional focus of your choosing, which will appear on your transcript. College or technical school credits, military training, law enforcement training and national testing can be used toward fulfilling this requirement.

In this AA-Professional Focus program, you’ll gain valuable skills, including:

- Time management
- Critical thinking
- Writing proficiency
- Interpersonal communication

The online AA with a Professional Focus is available exclusively to active-duty military, retired military, veterans, spouses of active-duty military personnel, full- or part-time reservists, National Guard members, Coast Guard members and Department of Defense employees.

You can complete your degree in as little as two years, and you’ll take one 5-week course at a time so you can balance work and life on the path to your degree.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Associate of Arts with a Professional Focus degree program, you can:

Leverage your military training
Choose courses that align with what you’re already doing in your military career and earn a degree that’s specific to your training.

Finish your degree faster
You may be able to transfer up to 45 credits of college-level coursework, military training or national testing, saving you time and money on your program.

Lock in your tuition
With our Tuition Guarantee, you’ll keep the same affordable and locked-in tuition from the day you start your program until the day you graduate.
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Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 60 credits to complete this program. These may be earned through a combination of required and elective courses. Required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits. View general requirements

Transfer credits

You may be able to transfer up to 45 credits of college-level coursework, military training and national testing to partially fulfill the requirements of this degree. Contact an enrollment representative at 844.YES.UOPX for more information.

Core courses