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Upcoming Education & Career Fair...



Mark your calendars for 18 June 24, 1100-1400 for the joint Shaw Education Center and Military Family Readiness Center Education and Career Fair.

This event will be held at the Military Family Readiness Center and is open to all military members and their families. Snacks will be provided, and a local food truck will be on site for those wanting to order lunch.

Be on the lookout for additional details to come. Contact the MFRC @ 803-895-1252 or Spratt Education Center @ 803-895-1838 for more details.

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E-WAPS & Testing Information

This year is the kick-off of the long anticipated Electronic Weighted Airman Promotion Systems Testing. E-WAPS is taken through Pearson Vue and eligible testers should make sure that they have a Pearson Vue account established prior to testing and should bring their login information with them on their testing date. Members that have questions regarding testing should contact their CSS.

Additional information from your TCO/Education Office Mr. Graham:

- **24E5 WAPS** Cycle is 1 May- 30 June 24
- **AFOQT** is offered the 1st Friday of the month
- Language Enabled Program (LEAP) application window is 6 May- 19 July 24
[AFCLC Application Info](#)

Email the Org Box with inquiries and scheduling 20fss.fsde.waps@us.af.mil

FIORI/CCAF Updates & Spring 2024 Graduation



FIORI- The Community College Of The Air Force has gone through a system migration and has adopted a new management system, FIORI. FIORI is the system used by CCAF and education services advisors to house, review and verify enlisted member education records. Records include military courses, CCAF degree audits, civilian transcript data, civilian and military course credit conversion data and other military member data. The migration to this new system created delays in many areas for members that include issues with items below.

- Missing credits on degree audits (to include all sources of credit; upgrade training, ALS credits, general education credits transferred to CCAF, but not applied)
- Delays in processing in and outbound transfer requests (use the **QR code** to be directly linked to CCAF transcript page for updates)
- Delayed responses to action requests created by education office on member behalf



Each referenced item has had a significant impact on our enlisted members over the past months.

In attempt to update pending action requests to add upgrade training and military courses to record, CCAF has pushed out an automated system action to update these records. Members with pending requests for these actions may receive notification through AFVEC that your action request was rejected. This is an automated message used by CCAF to resolve the high number of action requests in the area mentioned above. Your education office here at Shaw will verify these requests when we receive them and will verify that the actions were complete. Members may verify their records in FIORI by accessing individual degree audits to verify the application of credits. Contact your education office with questions if you have not been contacted with updated information about individual action requests.

Spring 2024 Graduation- Members that have been nominated for graduation for their associates degree with CCAF will be notified through the education center regarding awarded degrees, participation in CCAF graduation (date TBD) and diplomas. Members that were nominated for an initial CCAF associates degree who have met all degree requirements nominated by 26 Jan 24 will be included in the spring graduation. This is the most current information provided by CCAF. Our education center staff is excited to be a part of this experience with you and see you celebrate your education and career efforts.



AF COOL Updates

On 28 Feb 24, AF COOL announced significant updates to the AF COOL program. AF COOL, an enlisted only benefit, recently announced some changes which are shared with you below. Enlisted members may review additional policy change information in the AF COOL handbook found in AFVEC accounts by choosing the AF COOL tile on their dashboard. Education Advisors at your education center are available to clarify updates and processes. Changes include...

- Recoupment for all failures and non-completion regardless of credential type now in place.
- All enlisted ranks eligible for leadership credential as a non-AFSC related credential (previously available to E7, E8, E9). Limited to only one.
- Limited Private Pilot License eligibility to only AFSC-related career field.
- Elimination of self-fund/deferred payment for members within 180 days of separation/retirement.

Career Path Decide (CPD) Interest Inventory

What is CPD?

Career Path Decide (CPD) is a decision support tool provided by the Defense Department. The tool helps service members and veterans identify, prepare for and increase their employment qualifications. This can help them as they transition from military service to the civilian workforce. The tool can identify best-fit careers based on military occupation, education and experience. Service members can find the right credentials and/or degree programs to fill their experience and education gaps. The tool can help them prepare marketable careers and make them even more qualified in their current career.

- **Military One Source** / <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/gov/career-path-decide>

Education Centers across the Air Force, use the tool to advise members on their identified unique Holland Code which consists of three identifiers that provide insight to members on their strengths in solving problems and work personality traits. The code is used to compare people in the career field interest of the member by finding the overlapping traits which are then used to determine a best-fit career. Education advisors counsel members on their individual survey results and offer guidance to help members when choosing degree plans when using Military Tuition Assistance funds.

Why do I need to complete CPD?

Not only is the CPD an excellent tool to guide education and career decisions, CPD is a requirement for all members wanting to use Military Tuition Assistance. **(IAW DAFI 36-2670) 6.5.2.7. Airmen must take an interest inventory and receive counseling by an education counselor about the results before an initial Military Tuition Assistance request will be approved. (T-1).**

Members can expect to be asked to complete a new interest inventory with the creation of funding requests (when a CPD has not been completed), creation of *new* goals due to a change of program or school, or when pursuing a degree program at a new education level.

Contact the Education Center to determine if you are unsure if you have met this requirement by emailing education.center.us@us.af.mil.

Education Center Highlights

The Spratt Education Center strives to be a center to promote and encourage members to further their education and achieve their academic dreams. While we primarily service those seeking higher education and credentials, a few staff members had the opportunity to read and promote education to those in K-12.

During the week of 4-8 March, Three of our staff members had the opportunity to volunteer their time and encourage reading in our communities during Read Across America week which is time that schools focus on fun ways to encourage reading and literacy and celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Jessica Moore read to a group of 3-4 yr. olds at the Shaw Child Development Center. "It was so much joy to see the excitement and smiles on the children's faces as we read Dr. Seuss books." At the CDC, Dr. Seuss week was celebrated 4-8 March encouraging the youth to wear items that are celebrated in many of the Dr. Seuss books. Reading is fundamental and introducing kids at a very young age helps build literacy. Ms. Moore loves to see children so young excited about reading.

Shanynn Bonafilia read in several classrooms at Kingsbury Elementary in the Sumter School District (two Kindergarten classrooms and one exceptional learner classroom grades 3-5). Kingsbury Elementary, celebrated Read Across America with themed dress up days each day of the week. "This was my third year reading to students at Kingsbury during Dr. Seuss week. I love to read books that engage children of all ages that encourages asking and answering questions. I love their responses. Children are so insightful and always provide new perspectives and are simply hilarious!"

Jeremy Graham spent time in his sisters' classroom at Sampit Elementary in Georgetown, SC (his hometown) reading to students in 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade. Mr. Graham loves to support his sister's students by being a guest reader, being a positive role model and helping to promote a love of reading and learning. "This is one way I can give back to my community and hometown."

The Spratt Education Center will continue to promote education and the pursuit of academic dreams. "Oh, The Places You'll Go!", by Dr. Seuss, includes the message that reminds us that life is full of surprises, highs and lows, but always continue moving forward and never give up on your dreams.

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