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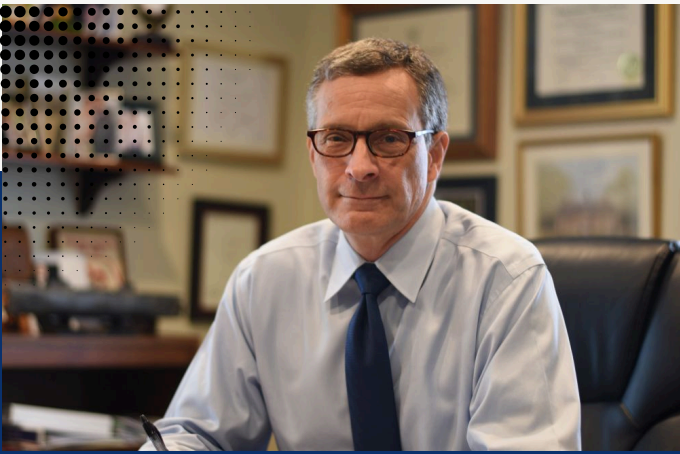
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Welcome Message

A portrait of L. Jeffrey Perez, Ph.D., a middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a light blue dress shirt and a dark blue tie. He is seated at a desk in an office setting, with framed certificates on the wall behind him. The image is partially covered by a blue graphic element on the left side.

L. Jeffrey Perez, Ph.D.

President and Executive Director of the SC Commission on Higher Education

I am especially grateful for the leadership and expertise of faculty, registrars, enrollment managers, and veterans' support services professionals. Your work in evaluating and awarding academic credit for prior learning is essential to ensuring that service members and veterans receive appropriate and consistent recognition for the knowledge and skills they have gained through their military experience.

The South Carolina Military Credit for Prior Learning Advisory Committee continues to advance a coordinated, statewide effort to expand and standardize opportunities for military-connected learners. Your engagement is critical to strengthening institutional policies and practices, improving consistency in credit evaluation, and creating more efficient pathways to credential completion.

With eight military installations and a population of more than 400,000 service members and veterans, South Carolina must lead in this work. Early March, many of you participated in Phase I of this initiative through micro-courses provided by the American Council on Education. Today's Phase II convening builds on that momentum by further equipping faculty and administrators to evaluate military experience, review institutional policies, and discuss regionally aligning practices across your campuses.

From a statewide perspective, advancing credit for prior learning is both an educational priority and an economic imperative. Ensuring that military learners can effectively translate their experience into academic credit supports their individual success while strengthening South Carolina's workforce and long-term competitiveness.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to serving military-connected students. I am confident that your efforts will yield a meaningful and lasting impact across our institutions and throughout the state.

L. Jeffrey Perez
President and Executive Director
SC Commission on Higher Education

Welcome Message

Welcome to the Military Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Training! The South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased you have chosen to invest your time with us as we work together to expand and strengthen pathways that recognize the valuable knowledge and skills service members bring from their military training and experiences.

This work brings together key institutional stakeholders—including faculty, administrators, and leadership—to explore effective strategies for implementing and enhancing CPL practices. Through this collaborative training, we aim to build a deeper understanding of how military learning can be translated into meaningful academic credit. This training will help us strengthen how SCDVA partners with your institutions to support military-connected learners in both their educational and career advancement goals.

Across the nation, employers continue to face growing workforce needs while many higher education institutions work to attract and retain diverse student populations. Recognizing prior learning—particularly the rigorous training and leadership development gained through military service—provides an important opportunity to bridge these gaps. By aligning military experience with academic pathways, we can accelerate degree completion, reduce duplication of learning, and open doors for service members transitioning into civilian careers.

Throughout this training, you will engage with best practices, practical tools, and collaborative discussions designed to help your institution strengthen CPL policies and processes. We encourage you to actively participate, share insights from your own experiences, and consider new approaches that support military learners and promote institutional innovation.

Thank you for your commitment to improving educational access and mobility for our military community. Your participation plays a vital role in building systems that recognize learning wherever it occurs and ensure that those who have served our country have every opportunity to succeed in higher education and gain meaningful employment right here in SC! We look forward to the ideas, partnerships, and progress that will emerge from our time together.



David Rozelle
Workforce Enhancement Director
South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs



Colonel David Rozelle

U.S. Army (Retired) Director of Workforce Enhancement

U.S. Army Colonel (Retired) David Rozelle has a deep passion for South Carolina; while growing up, he spent his summers in South Carolina with his maternal grandparents, has been a landowner his entire life, and married a girl from Fort Mill. David is a 1995 Davidson College graduate and earned an active duty commission through the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Program as an Armor Officer.

David served primarily as an Armor/Cavalry Officer in the U.S. Army. David has served in leadership positions from tank platoon leader to combined arms battalion command. David has had numerous assignments around the globe, with four years of service in Korea, three deployments to Iraq, and one year in Afghanistan. His battalion command and last three combat deployments were as a Military Amputee; he lost his right leg below the knee to a land mine in Iraq in June of 2003, during his first deployment. David earned two Master's Degrees: Military Studies (Marine Corps University) and Strategic Studies, Military and Strategic Leadership (U.S. Army War College). David retired in 2021 from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and currently serves the State of South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs as the Director of Workforce Enhancement.



Jelani Edwards

U.S. Army (Retired) Midlands Regional Integration Officer

Plenary Speaker

Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and shaped by a 30-year U.S. Army career, Jelani Edwards brings deep experience, purpose, and people-first leadership to his role as SCDVA's Midlands Regional Integration Officer.

After retiring as a Nominative Command Sergeant Major in 2023, Jelani Edwards and his family chose to plant roots in South Carolina—drawn by its strong Veteran benefits, resources, and community support.

Now at SCDVA, he serves as a Regional Integration Officer and coalition builder, working alongside partners to ensure Veterans, military spouses, and families across the Midlands are connected, empowered, and thriving. Jelani Edwards is proud to continue his service by living out SCDVA's mission to Lead, Serve, Remember.

Conference Schedule

At-a-Glance

9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.	Registration, Meet & Greet
9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.	Welcome & Opening
9:40 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.	Plenary Speaker
10:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.	Student Panel
11:15 A. M. – 11:30 A.M.	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Regional Breakout Sessions
12:30 P.M. – 12:45 P.M.	BREAK - LUNCH PICK-UP - LOBBY
12:45 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.	Lunch & Learn- Guest Panel
1:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Special Thanks, Closing Remarks and Evaluation

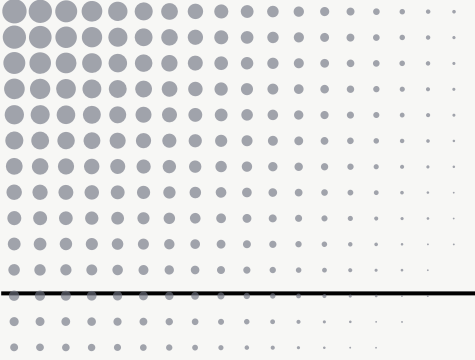
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Conference Schedule Detailed

9:00 - 9:30 A.M.

Lobby

Registration and Check-In
Meet and Greet

9:30 - 9:40 A.M.

Auditorium

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk | Director of Student Affairs | SC Commission on Higher Education

Dr. L. Jeffrey Perez | Executive Director & President | SC Commission on Higher Education

Ms. Paulette Dunn | Upstate Regional Integration Officer | SC Department of Veterans' Affairs

9:40 - 10:15 A.M.

Auditorium

Plenary Speaker

Mr. Jelani Edwards | Midlands Regional Integration Officer | SC Department of Veterans' Affairs

10:15 - 11:15 A.M.

Auditorium

Student Panel Discussion: Military Mobility & College Credit Transferability

Panelists: Rich Kyzer | Clemson University

Declan Nicolette Dunn | Lander University

Patrick Dowling | University of South Carolina (Columbia Campus)

Scott Cook | USC Upstate

Video Presentation: Lauren Morrow, Justin O'Barr & Keith Schon | Clemson University

Moderator: Villardine Goode | University of South Carolina (Columbia Campus)

COFFEE BREAK

11:15-11:30 A.M. | Lobby

Regional Breakout Session

11:30 - 12:30 P.M.

Lowcountry Session | Facilitators: Tina Smith & Jamerson Magwood | Room E169

Midlands Session | Facilitators: Jelani Edwards & Emma Reabold | Room E159

Pee Dee Session | Facilitators: Jade Berkley & Jennifer Black | Room E177

Upstate Session | Facilitators: Paulette Dunn & Villardine Goode | Room E171

12:30-12:45 P.M. - PICK-UP LUNCH | Lobby

Lunch & Learn - Auditorium

12:45 - 1:45 P.M.

Dr. Amanda Brian | Coastal Carolina University

Dr. Dawn Hiller | University of South Carolina

John McGill | York Technical College

Dr. Jonathan Smith | American Council on Education - Evaluator

Laura Tyndall | College of Charleston

Moderator: Dr. Leslie Barrett Brown | Coastal Carolina University

Auditorium

1:45 - 2:00 P.M.

Special Thanks, Closing Remarks, and Evaluations

Alfie B. Mincy | Program Coordinator | SC Commission on Higher Education

SAFE TRAVELS



SESSION MATERIALS

ACTIVITIES

Please use the links below to participate in the session activities.



REGIONAL BREAKOUT SESSION ACTIVITY

- [Sign-in Sheet - Regional Breakout Session](#)
- Handout



Google Docs

GOOGLE WHITEBOARD

Low Country: [Click Here](#)

Pee Dee: [Click Here](#)

Midlands: [Click Here](#)

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EVALUATION

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TRAINING EVALUATION:
Connecting Service, Credit and
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Regional Integration Officers (RIOs) Regions

Upstate

Paulette Dunn

Anderson University
Bob Jones University
Clemson University
Converse University
Erskine College
Furman University
Greenville Technical College
Lander University
Newberry College
North Greenville University
Piedmont Technical College
Southern Wesleyan University
Spartanburg Community College
Spartanburg Methodist College
Tri-County Technical College
USC Union
USC Upstate
Wofford College

Midlands

Jelani Edwards

Aiken Technical College
Allen University
Benedict College
Columbia College
Columbia International University
Midlands Technical College
Presbyterian College
South University
USC Aiken
USC Columbia
USC Lancaster
USC School of Medicine
Winthrop University
York Technical College

Pee Dee

Jade Berkley

Central Carolina Technical College
Coastal Carolina University
Coker University
Florence-Darlington Technical College
Francis Marion University
Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Morris College
Northeastern Technical College
USC Sumter
Williamsburg Technical College

Lowcountry

Tina Smith

Charleston Southern University
Claflin University
College of Charleston
Denmark Technical College
Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
SC State University
Technical College of the Lowcountry
The Citadel
Trident Technical College
USC Beaufort
USC Salkehatchie
Voorhees University

Regional Google Whiteboard

Lowcountry: [Click Here](#)

Midlands: [Click Here](#)

Pee Dee: [Click Here](#)

Upstate: [Click Here](#)



Total Session Time: 50 minutes

Breakout Activity: 40 Minutes

Debrief/Q&A: 10 minutes

■ Group Reporter Instructions & Materials

Each Group Reporter will document the group's responses in the Regional Google Doc Whiteboard.

■ Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Google Doc Whiteboard: To get started, click the Google Doc link for your region. *Be sure to use the correct link, as this is an important step.*
2. After each discussion question, enter your group's responses directly into the whiteboard.
3. Copies of all breakout responses will be shared following the training.
4. Please select one Group Reporter to enter your responses on the Google Doc Whiteboard.
5. Let's get started!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

SECTION 1 (20 Minutes)– College Level Examination Program (CLEP)+ Maximum Credits + Short-Term Actions

1. (6-7 Minutes) *CLEP Importance*

Why is CLEP important for military-connected learners at institutions?

- How is your institution utilizing CLEP?

2. (6-7 Minutes) *Maximum Credits / Life Experience Joint Service Transcript (JST) vs Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)*

- How does your institution determine the total number of military credits?

3. (6-7 Minutes) *Short-Term Actions to Maximize Military Credit for Prior Learning (M-CPL/CPL)*

What can your institution do now?

- How?
- Who are the key stakeholders?
- Long-term strategy:
- Needed support/resources:

SECTION 2 (10 Minutes) Roadblocks + Needed Tools

4. What roadblocks prevent institutions from making progress in implementing policies to award academic credit for prior learning and military credit?

- What prevents progress?
- Tools/strategies needed:

SECTION 3 (10 Minutes) Next Steps: Hosting Regional Meetings

5. Regional Meetings: “What should a Regional M-CPL Meeting look like for your area?”

- Who should attend?
- When should your region meet?
- What do you want to see/learn?
- Current JST/M-CPL practices:
- Existing articulation agreements and CPL policies:
- Interdepartmental relationships:
- Challenges/barriers:
- *Who would like to host a regional meeting 2026-27AY or 2027-28AY?*

SECTION 4 (10 Minutes) Questions & Answers

6. Questions & Answers

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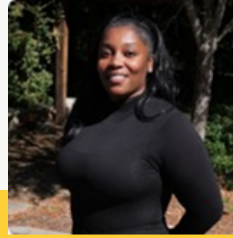
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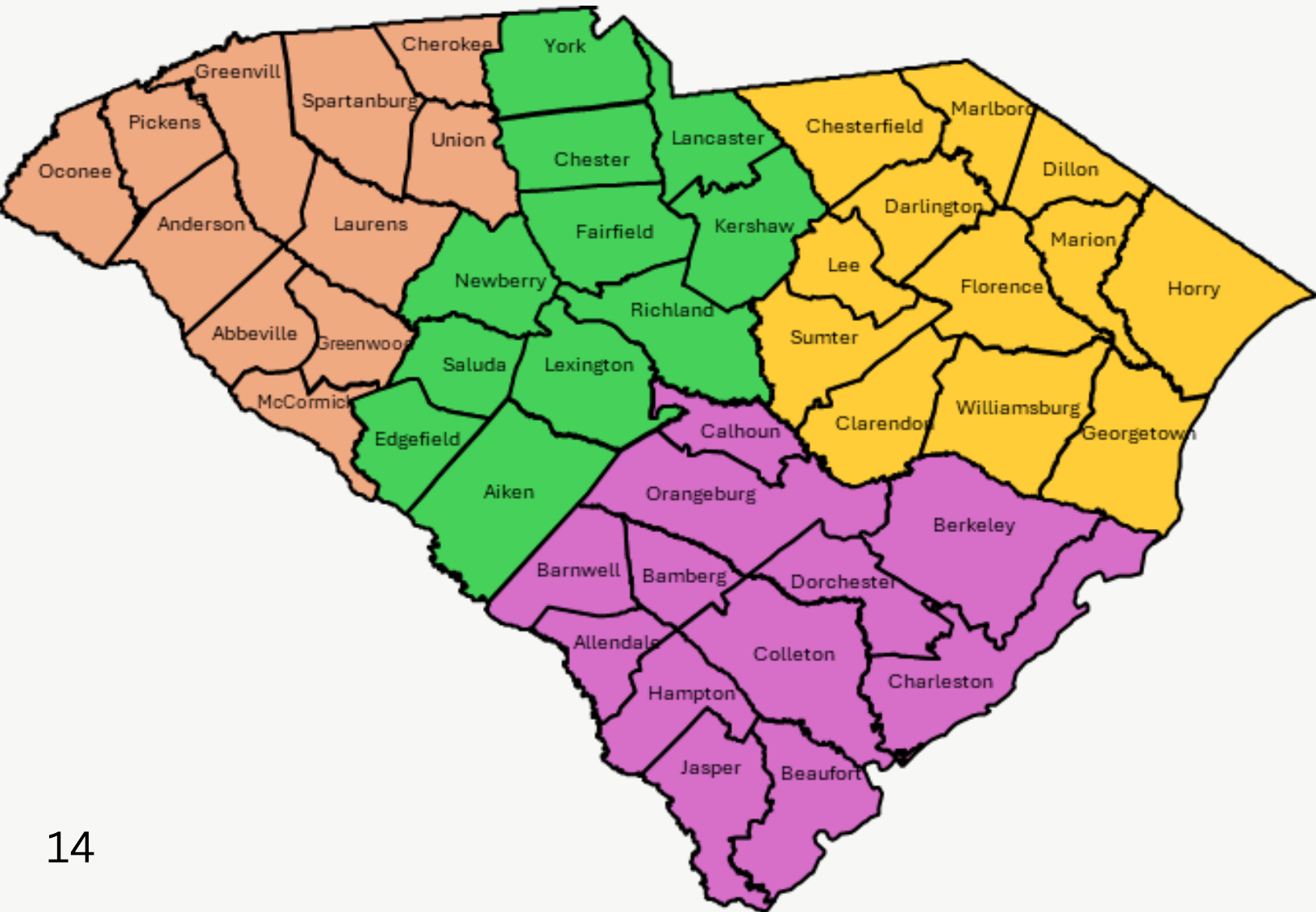
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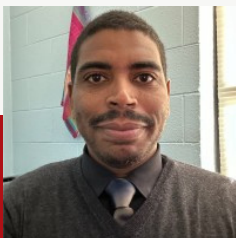
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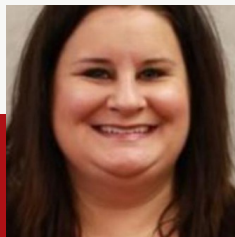
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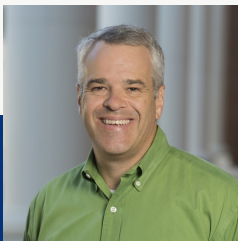
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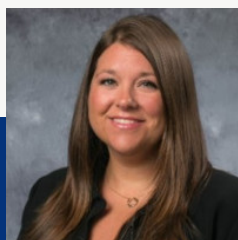
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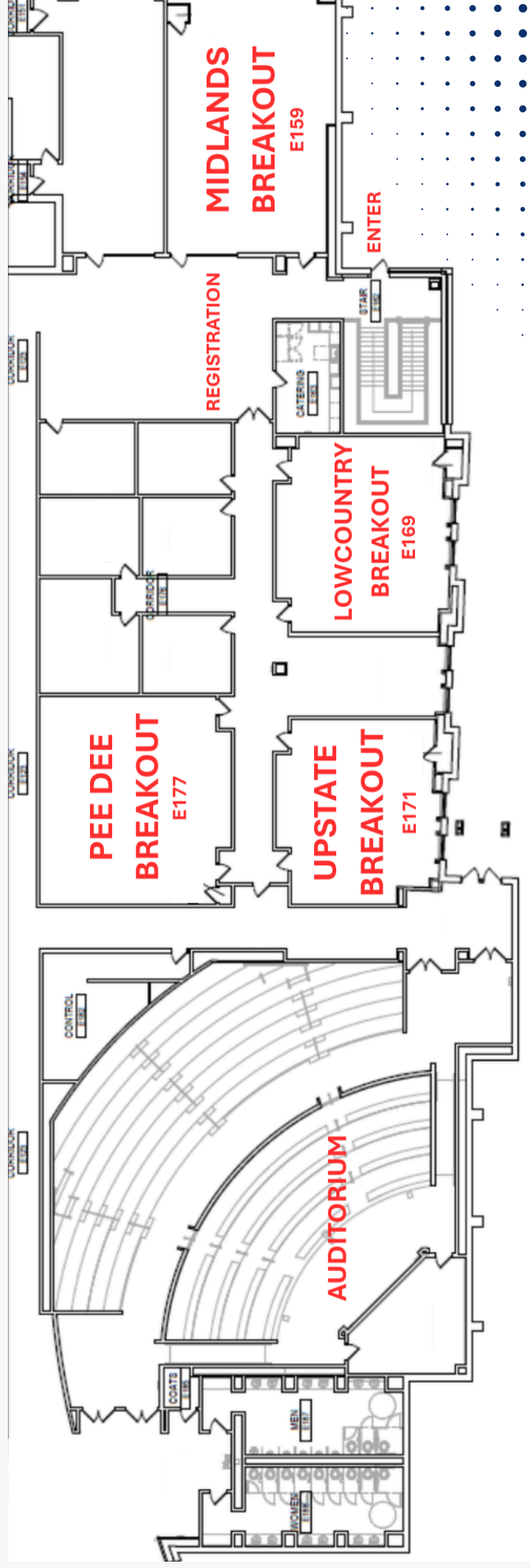
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Training Course Map: Military Credit for Prior Learning

Recommended learner journeys based on your role in your Institution's Military Credit for Prior Learning (M-CPL)

Your Main Role in Military CPL is...	Relevant AMG User Role(s)	PHASE I American Council on Education (ACE) Self- Paced Micro-Courses March 6, 2026 - April 3, 2026					PHASE II In Person Opening Session April 17, 2026
		Engage 101: How to Use This Space	Course 1 The Value of Military, CPL, ACE Military Guide (AMG)	Course 3 AMG Navigation 101 OPTIONAL	Course 4 Evaluating Prior Military learning & Drafting Credit Awards	Course 6 The Faculty Perspective	
Lead Military CPL efforts at your institution, coordinating people and resources and dipping into other roles described below	Institution Administrator	★	★	★	★	★	★
Provide subject area input & review of potential credit awarded for prior learning	Faculty Subject Matter Expert	★	★		★	★	★
Provide a 2nd-layer of review and approval for course credit awarded for prior learning	Approver	★	★		★	★	★
Conduct evaluations of students' prior learning and make initial recommendations of credit to award	Transcript Evaluator	★	★		★	★	★
Receive and process student documentation to distribute to the appropriate colleague to evaluate it for credit	Joint Services Transcript (JST) Coordinator	★	★		★	★	★
Provide vocal support and advocacy for efforts to award credit for prior learning at your institution	Community Stakeholder/Partner	★	★				★

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Participants are encouraged to explore any [ACE Engage Online Learning Evaluations](#) micro-courses that interest them.

Notes