



**South Carolina**  
Commission on Higher Education  
*Access | Affordability | Excellence*

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# **SC Military Transfer Credits Taskforce**

# *Ascend 60 X 30*

## Comprehensive Statewide Transfer and Articulation Agreement

Ensuring earned academic credits transfer as equivalents promotes student success and reduces time to degree. CHE, in collaboration with the state's institutions of higher education, develops a comprehensive statewide transfer and articulation framework and agreement to ensure transferable credit toward degree completion in programs of study at South Carolina institutions.

<https://www.che.sc.gov/about-commission-higher-education/strategy-policy>



# Goal - Purpose

The SC Commission on Higher Education  
Establishment of Military Transfer Credits for  
South Carolina's servicemembers

*(Transfer credit mobility towards a certification, associates, or  
bachelor's degree rather than electives)*

# Minnesota State Model

## ○ Military Transfer Credit Model

- Find key stakeholders at the institutional level
- Convene at different campus levels (vice presidents, provosts, deans, registrars, veterans support, faculty, student service members, etc.)

### Resources For Veterans and Service Members

<https://www.minnstate.edu/military/index.html>

Welcome to VETS\*, the Veterans Education Transfer System. Created by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, VETS is an online application that helps past, present and future servicemen and servicewomen determine how their military training can count for credit at the colleges and universities of Minnesota State. *VETS is a product of the Veterans Re-Entry Education Program. Funds for the Veterans Re-Entry Education Program were provided from a 2008 (P116Z080299) and a 2009 (P116Z090310) congressionally-directed grant award.*

<https://eservices.minnstate.edu/college-search/public/military/>

- **Other Models (Purdue Global University)**

[MilitaryDT.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://MilitaryDT.PurdueGlobal.edu) – Earn Credit for Military Training



# Key Stakeholders & Collaboration

## ○ Higher Education Institutions

- Public Senior Institution – University of South Carolina
- Two-year or technical college – Midlands Technical College
- **CHAMPIONS – Faculty and Staff (Supportive of Vision)**

## ○ SC Department of Veterans Affairs

## ○ Other Key Stakeholders

- American Council on Education (ACE) Evaluators (10 SC Institutions) – 17 evaluators
- SC TRAC
- Others

1. Anderson University
2. Clemson University
3. Coastal Carolina University
4. College of Charleston
5. Converse University
6. Columbia International University
7. Greenville Technical College
8. South Carolina State University
9. The Citadel
10. University of South Carolina - Columbia



# Implementation

- What should be the process to begin implementation for statewide military transfer credits?
  - How to get started
  - Where to get started

# Resources

- American Council on Education (ACE)
  - See Link: ACE Military Guide: [ACE Military Guide](#)
- ACE Evaluators (SC)
- SC TRAC: <https://www.sctrac.org/>
- Vet Success Centers
- Others

# Timeline & Marketing Plan

- 2022-2023
- 2023-2024
- 2024-2025





# Next Taskforce Meeting

○ Next steps



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