



Accreditation Expansion Plan

Many times a college institution that is accredited won't allow credits that you are trying to transfer from another unaccredited college institution. If you have an associate's degree and want to transfer to a University they may not take or accept the degree plan from an unaccredited school.

A student I discussed this with had an associate's degree trying to transfer his college credits to a 4-year University and the college rejected more than 80% of his college credit. The institution wanted him to retake most of his classes. In doing so, many veterans would be wasting their GI Bill benefits.

The first step when you want to transfer credits is by making sure the college institution is an accredited school. Veterans that are in service or who have served have the opportunity to transfer military training into college credit. Every college is free to set its policies regarding the acceptance of credit for military experience. An example would be a service member that worked as a nuclear reactor operator on three submarines. They are required to take numerous courses such as physics & math. Most of the time colleges will require you to take them again.

If we expand military credits we can have service members receive a 2-year associate's degree in less than 2 years. Allowing them to transfer over to a 4-year university and finish out getting their 4-year bachelor's degree within the timeframe of the 3-year GI Bill. That's where I would want to change the policy of our Colleges to expand on Military accreditation.



I want to ensure that our service members and veterans are not wasting their GI Bill and getting the most out of their service transferred over to Alamo Colleges. We will use our resources to connect with the 4-year Universities to accept more college credits from Alamo Colleges.

Many times 4-year institutions won't take classes such as Math for Elem Teachers 1 course because 1 part of the course is different from what the 4-year college has. I would like to expand and meet with school leaders and academic deans from 4-year Universities and come up with a policy in which if the course from Alamo Colleges is 30% or less different, the credit should become transferable to the University.

In doing so the Veterans won't have their GI Bills Funds used rapidly on similar courses allowing them to the quality education and degree within the timeframe of their GI Bill. Not only would our Accreditation Expansion Plan help veterans, but we would also be helping all students save funds and still receive a quality education.