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Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana PART THREE: APPENDICES

Appendix A:

Collegiate Purple Star Acronyms and Definitions

The following general information may be referenced in the Collegiate Purple Star Field Guide or other appendices.

Acronym

AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
ACE	American Council on Education
ACT	American College Testing Program
AD	Active Duty
AMVETS	American Veterans
AVECO	Association of Veteran Education Certifying Officials
CAC	Common Access Card (military)
CCAF	Community College of the Air Force, as well as the Space Force
CCME	Council of College and Military Educators
CLEP	College-Level Examination Program
CoE	Certificate of Eligibility (GI Bill® benefits)
CPL/M-CPL	Credit for Prior Learning/ Military Credit for Prior Learning
CPSI	Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana Award
CVSO	County Veterans Service Office
DANTES	Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support
DDST	Defense Subject Standardized Test
DoD	U.S. Department of Defense
DWD	Indiana Department of Workforce Development
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GPA	Grade Point Average
GWBI	George W. Bush Institute
IC	Indiana Code
CHE	Indiana Commission for Higher Education
IDVA	Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs
JST	Joint Services Transcript for Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps
K-12	Kindergarten through 12th grade



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MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPM	Military Program Manager
NASPA	National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
NAVPA	National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators
NGES	National Guard Extension Scholarship (Indiana)
NGSG	National Guard Supplemental Grant (Indiana)
PLA	Prior Learning Assessment
ROTC	Reserve Officers' Training Corps
SAA	State Approving Agency (GI Bill®)
SCO	School Certifying Official
SHRM	Society for Human Resource Management
SVA	Student Veterans of America
TA	Tuition Assistance (Army)
U.S.	United States
USA	United States Army
USAF	United States Air Force
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USN	United States Navy
USO	United Service Organization
USSF	United States Space Force
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VFW	Veterans of Foreign Wars
VSOC	VetSuccess on Campus (through VA)

Definitions

Alumni - An individual is a former student or has graduated from the institution.

Alumni Association - The association often organizes social events, publishes newsletters or magazines, and raises funds. Many provide a variety of benefits and services that help alumni maintain connections to their educational institution and fellow graduates.

Continuous Improvement – An ongoing effort with a mindset to improve services or processes through incremental improvement over time.

Common Access Card - The standard identification for active-duty uniformed service personnel, select reserve, and more. It also provides access to DoD computer networks and systems. The CAC is a controlled item, monitored by the DoD at all times.

Common Application – An undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of more than 700 member colleges and universities in 49 states and the District of Columbia, as well as in Canada, China, and many European countries.



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County Veteran Service Officer - The County Veterans Service Officer is a local point of contact for veterans in their county to assist with all veteran issues. They work closely with The Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and various veteran service organizations assisting veterans and their family members with benefits they may be eligible for due to their military service. Also referred to as the Veterans Service Coordinator.

Credit – Units that a school uses to indicate that a student has completed and passed courses that are required for a degree. Each school defines the total number and types of credits necessary for degree completion, with every course being assigned a value in terms of “credits,” “credit hours,” or “units.”

Credit by Examination – The awarding of college credit based on exams offered either through the college (e.g., challenge exams designed by faculty) or via specific programs offered by an external organization such as the College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) programs.

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) – Enables military-affiliated students to receive college credit for experiences outside of the traditional classroom setting. CPL may also be referred to as prior learning assessment (PLA).

Fully Executed - The point at which a document is signed and dated by the appropriate individual. (This is not the contractual definition).

GI Bill® – GI Bill benefits help military-affiliated students pay for college, graduate school, and training programs. Since 1944, the GI Bill has helped qualifying student Veterans and their family members to cover all or some of the costs for school or training. Payment amounts are paid after each month’s classes and are based on the number of classes students go to and the hours spent in those classes.

Graduate – A person who has successfully completed an academic degree, course of training, or high school. (also refer to alumni)

K-12 Purple Star Designation – Honors schools that have displayed a significant commitment to service members, veterans, and students and families connected to our nation’s military. The Indiana K-12 Purple Star School Designation is valid for a three-year time period.

Loans – Funds that are borrowed that are expected to be paid back with interest.

Military-Affiliated individual is considered anyone who is actively serving in the United States armed forces (regular duty, reserve duty, or Indiana National Guard) or is honorably discharged (veteran).

Military-Affiliated Student is a military-affiliated individual who has been accepted or is a current student at a postsecondary institution.

Military/Veterans Center - standalone area, office, or building where military-affiliated students can meet, socialize, study, etc.

Military/Veterans Office - standalone office or area, other than the main financial aid office.

Orientation - An important part of successfully transitioning new students to the institution. The goal is to welcome, support, and acclimate them to their new environment.



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Pell Grant – A subsidy the U.S. Federal Government provides for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need to pay for college.

School Certifying Official – Employee of an educational institution with the primary responsibility for certifying veteran enrollment at the educational institution.

School Certifying Official Handbook- This is an online handbook written for VA Certifying Officials and anyone at a school involved with the certification of beneficiaries. It is intended to be the official source of information for the certification of VA education benefits.

Student (traditional) – Postsecondary students, 18-24 years old, who enroll directly from high school in a four-year program, attend full-time, and do not have major life and/or work responsibilities (e.g., full-time job or dependents).

Student (non/post-traditional) - Adult students, typically 25 years or older, who have delayed postsecondary enrollment. They bring with them a diverse set of experiences and life circumstances such as full-time employment status or military service, married or divorced, having dependents or being a caregiver, etc.

Transcript – An official record of a student's work, showing courses taken and grades achieved.

Tuition – A sum of money charged for teaching or instruction by a school, college, or university.

Work Study – Relating to a college program that enables students to work part-time while attending school.