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College Credit for Heroes

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Military and Veterans Affairs

Task Force

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College Credit for Heroes Program

- **Established Texas SB 1736, June 2011**
- **Identify, develop, and support methods to maximize award of college credits for military education experiences**
 - **Accelerate degree/certificate and licensing completion**
 - **Help ease veterans' transition to civilian life**



Funding

- **Workforce Investment Act (WIC) Incentive Funds**
 - **\$3 million Phase I**
 - **\$1.5 million Phase II**
- **Schools required to implement and continue use of curricula developed**



Phase I – Specific Projects

- **Allied Health Professions**
- **Online Statewide Military Training Evaluation System**
- **Model Individual Education Plan and One Stop Veterans Center**
- **Texas Inter-College Council of Veterans and Best Practices**



... Phase I – Allied Health

- **Alamo Colleges**
 - **Career Mobility Track AAS Nursing Program to accelerate nursing licensure**
 - **AAS Health Information Technology Health Management Professions Program to accelerate degree completion for those already certified in a health profession**



... Phase 1- Allied Health

- **Houston Community College-Coleman College of Health Sciences**
 - **National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting—eliminated 37 hours of college credit previously required of Veteran surgical technologists prior to taking national certification exam**
 - **Created 5-semester hour refresher course to prepare for certification exam**
 - **Accelerated Surgical Technologist Certificate**
 - **Accelerated AAS in Allied Health Concentration—surgical technologists may receive up to 37 credit hours**



. . . Phase I – Allied Health

- **Temple College—streamlined its Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Programs**
 - **Level I EMT Certification reduced from 3 semesters to 1 semester**
 - **Level II EMT Certification reduced from 5 semester to 3 semesters**



... Phase 1 – Model IEP and Veterans One Stop Center

- **Lee College**
 - **Model Individual Education Plan**
 - **maximize credit for prior learning assessments and credit by examination**
 - **Veterans One-Stop Center**



... Phase 1 – Statewide Online Evaluation System

- **Central Texas College (CTC)
Statewide Online Military Training Evaluation System**
 - **Map American Council on Education (ACE) Credit Recommendations to Texas College Credit Courses**
 - **Provide Central Location for Veterans and Servicemembers to Receive Military Evaluation**



... Phase 1 – Statewide Online Evaluation System

- **CCH Website and Databases**
 - **Military Occupations and Courses**
 - **Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Transfer Equivalencies**
 - **Credit by Examinations**
- **One Stop Portal**
 - **Request Official Military Evaluation and Receive Results**



... Phase 1 – Other Project Initiatives

- **Lone Star College**
 - **Convened Texas-Inter College Council on Veterans and Best Practices**
 - **Partner Colleges, Medical Education and Training Campus, and Texas Workforce Commission**



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- **Two Statewide Conferences**
 - **Allied Health Summit**
 - **Broadcasted via videoconference across the State**
 - **Veterans Excellence Conference**



Phase II - Projects

- **6 New Institutions and 5 Returning Phase I Colleges**
 - **Expands Initiative to Other Regions of the State**
 - **New Career Fields such as Information Technology, Firefighting, Advanced Manufacturing, Logistics, Wind Engineering, and Oil Field Technology**



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Phase II (Ongoing) Projects and Partners

- **6 New Institutions**
 - **Angelo State University**
 - **Austin Community College**
 - **Dallas County Community College District**
 - **Grayson College**
 - **Tarrant County College District**
 - **Texas State Technical College Harlingen**



Moving Forward

- **Central Texas College – Phase II**
 - **Establish Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Texas Institutions of Higher Education to support program and accept college credits awarded through College Credit for Heroes portal**

- **34 Colleges and Universities have signed MOUs**

- **Gates Open**



Resources

- **Texas Workforce Commission College Credit for Heroes Webpage at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/vetsvcs/college-credit-heroes.html>**
- **College Credit for Heroes Website/Portal at <http://www.collegecreditforheroes.org>**



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