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A.A.	Associate of Arts (degree)	ACES	Army Continuing Education System
AAACE	American Association for Adult and Continuing Education	ACF	Army College Fund
AAAT	Army Analysis Aptitude Test	ACICS	Accrediting Commission for Independent Colleges and Schools
AABC	American Association of Bible Colleges	ACME	Advisory Council on Military Education
AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers	ACSW	Academy of Certified Social Workers
AACC	American Association of Community Colleges	ACT	ACT Assessment Program (formerly American College Testing Assessment Program)
AACU	Association of American Colleges and Universities	ACT-PEP	American College Testing Proficiency Exam Program (no longer in existence)
AAHE	American Association for Higher Education	ADSD	Active Duty Service Date
AARTS	Army/American Council on Education (ACE) Registry Transcript System	AEA	Adult Education Association
A.A.S.	Associate of Applied Science	AEC	Army Education Center
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities	AERA	American Education Research Association
ABC	Association of Boards of Certification – Uniform for Reciprocity	AFA	Air Force Academy
ACA	American Counseling Association	AFAP	Army Family Action Plan
ACCP	Army Correspondence Course Program	AFAST	Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test
ACCST	Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges of Technology	AFB	Air Force Base
ACE	American Council on Education	AFCT	Armed Forces Classification Test
ACEG	Association for Counselors and Educators in Government	AFHPSP	Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program
		AFIS	Armed Forces Information Service
		AFQT	Armed Forces Qualification Test
		AFRC	Air Force Reserve Command

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AFRES	Air Force Reserve Forces	ASD	Assistant Secretary of Defense (MC&FP) - Military Community and Family Policy
AFROTC	Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps	ASE	Automotive Service Excellence
AFRTS	Armed Forces Radio and Television Services	ASHA	American Speech-Hearing-Language Association
AFSC	Air Force Specialty Code	ASIS	American Society of Industrial Security
AFVEC	Air Force Virtual Education Center	ASMC	American Society of Military Comptrollers
AGR	Active Guard and Reserves	ASPPB	Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards
AGS	Associate of General Studies	ASQ	American Society of Quality
AIPE	Accredited Institutions of Post-Secondary Education	ASTD	American Society for Training and Development
AKO	Army Knowledge Online	ASVAB	Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
ALC	Army Learning Center	ATCO	Alternate Test Control Officer
AMT	American Medical Technologists	ATP	Admissions Testing Program
ANCC	American Nurses Credentialing Center	ATS	Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. & Canada
ANG	Air National Guard	B.A.	Bachelor of Arts (degree)
AOCS	Aviation Officer Candidate School	B.B.A.	Bachelor of Business Administration (degree)
AP	Auditory Perception Test	BCEN	Board of Certification of Emergency Nurses
APT	Army Personnel Testing	BCSP	Board of Certified Safety Professionals
AR/ARI	Arithmetic Reasoning (ASVAB Score)	B.D.	Bachelor of Divinity (degree)
ARNG	Army National Guard	BDCP	Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program
ARNGESC	Army National Guard Education Support Center	BDFS	Bachelor Degrees for Soldiers
ARPC	Army Reserve Personnel Command	B.G.S.	Bachelor of General Studies (degree)
A.S.	Associate of Science (degree)		
ASCUS	Association for School, College and University Staffing		

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B.L.S.	Bachelor of Liberal Studies (degree)	CCAF	Community College of the Air Force
BOOST	Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training	CCI	Cardiovascular Credentialing International
BOQ	Bachelor Officers Quarters	CCME	Council of College and Military Educators
B.S.	Bachelor of Science (degree)	CCO	National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators
BSEP	Basic Skills Education Program	CDP	Certificate in Data Processing
B.S.O.E.	Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education (degree)	CEU	Continuing Education Unit
BTB	Basic Test Battery	CG	Commanding General
BUMED	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (Navy)	CGI	Coast Guard Institute
BUPERS	Bureau of Naval Personnel	CGS	Council of Graduate Schools in the United States
CAA	Career Advancement Account (military spouse)	CHEA	Council for Higher Education Accreditation
CAEL	Council for Adult and Experiential Learning	CHSPE	California High School Proficiency Examination
CAGIS	Computer-Assisted Guidance Information System	CISO	Curriculum and Instructional Standards Office
CAI	Career Assessment Inventory	CISS	Campbell Interest and Skills Survey
CAI	Computer Assisted Instruction	CLEP	College Level Examination Program
CALEC	Center for Adult Learning and Educational Credentials	CMC	Commandant of the Marine Corps
CALS	Computer Assisted Lesson-Grading System	CMI	Computer Managed Instruction/Computer Mediated Instruction
CANTRAC	Catalog of Naval Training Courses	CNET	Chief of Naval Education and Training
CAPSE	Continuing, Adult and Post-Secondary Education	CNO	Chief of Naval Operations
CAS	College of the American Soldier	CO	Commanding Officer
CBI	Computer-Based Instruction	COB	Close of Business
CBT	Computer- Based Testing		

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COE	Council on Occupational Education	DEA	Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance
CONAP	Concurrent Admissions Program (Army enlistees)	DEDC	DANTES External Degree Catalog
CONUS	Continental United States	DEERS	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System
COOL	Credentialing Opportunities On-line	DEPH	DANTES Examination Program Handbook
COR	Contracting Officer's Representative	DESAP	DANTES Education Services Advisory Panel
COTR	Contracting Officer's Technical Representative	DETC	Distance Education and Training Council
CTC	Central Texas College	DFAS	Defense Finance and Accounting Service
CTT	Certified Technical Trainer	DIB	DANTES Information Bulletin
CY	Calendar Year	DISC	DANTES Independent Study Catalog
CWS	College Work Study	DKO	Defense Knowledge Online
DA	Department of the Army	DL	Distance Learning
DANB	Dental Assisting National Board	DLAB	Defense Language Aptitude Battery
DANTES	Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support	DLI	Defense Language Institute
DAPS	Defense Automated Printing Service	DLPT	Defense Language Proficiency Test
D.B.A.	Doctor of Business Administration (degree)	D.M.D.	Medical Doctor of Dentistry (degree)
DBMU	Defense Business Management University	DMDC	Defense Manpower Data Center
D.C.	Doctor of Chiropractic (degree)	D.O.	Doctor of Osteopathy (degree)
D.C.M.	Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine (degree)	DoD	Department of Defense
DDESS	Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (formerly called Section 6 Schools)	DoDDS	Department of Defense Dependents Schools
D.D.S.	Doctor of Dental Science (degree)	DoDEA	Department of Defense Education Activity
		DoDED	Department of Defense Education

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DOL	Department of Labor	ELPT	English Language Proficiency Test
DON	Department of the Navy	EMT	Emergency Medical Technicians (National Registry of)
D.P.	Doctor of Podiatry (degree)	Eng.D.	Doctor of Engineering (degree)
D.P.M.	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (degree)	ESC	Education Support Center
DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office	ESL	English as a Second Language
DSN	Defense Switched Network	ESO	Education Services Officer
DSST	DANTES Subject Standardized Tests	ESS	Education Services Specialist
DUINS	Duty Under Instruction	ETA-I	Electronic Technicians Association – International
D.V.M.	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (degree)	ETS	Educational Testing Service
EAOS	End of Active Obligated Service	EUSA	Eighth U. S. Army
eArmyU	Provides soldiers access to degree plans and courses online	FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
ECE	Excelsior College Examinations	FAQS	Frequently Asked Questions
ECP	Enlisted Commissioning Program	FAST	Functional Academic Skills Training
ECS	Education Commission of the States	FAST	Flight Aptitude Selection Test
ED	Education Department (U.S.)	FISC	Fleet Industrial Supply Center
Ed.D.	Doctor of Education (degree)	FICE	Federal Interagency Committee on Education
EDMIS	Education Management Information System (Army)	FORSCOM	Forces Command (Army)
ED SPECS/TECHS	Education Specialists/Technicians	FRA	Fleet Reserve Association
EIAH&MA	Educational Institute of American Hotel and Motel Association	FS	Functional Skills
ELA	Experiential Learning Assessment	FY	Fiscal Year (Oct – Sep)
		FYDP	Five-Year Defense Plan
		GCT	General Classification Test (BTB Score)
		GED	General Educational Development

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GEDTS	General Educational Development Testing Service	ICCP	Institute for Certification of Computer Professionals
GMAT	Graduate Management Admissions Test	ICET	Institute of Certification of Engineering Technicians
GMC	General Military Course	ICO	In case of
GMT	General Military Training	ICPM	Institute of Certified Professional Managers
GoArmyEd	Active duty Army online Tuition Assistance request portal	IMCOM	Installation Management Command
GPA	Grade Point Average	INSCOM	Intelligence and Security Command (Army)
GPO	Government Printing Office	IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education System
GRE	Graduate Record Examination	IS	Independent Study
GSL	Guaranteed Student Loan	ISSA	Inter-service Support Agreement
GT	General Technical (scores)	IT	Information Technology
GWOT	Global War on Terrorism	ITCO	Interim Test Control Officer
HBCU	Historically Black Colleges and Universities	JAG	Judge Advocate General
HED	Higher Education Directory	JCBIS	Joint Computer Based Instruction System
HQUSAREUR	Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe	J.D.	Juris Doctorate (degree)
HPSP	Health Professions Scholarship Program	JMIC	Joint Military Intelligence College
HRCI	Human Resource Certification Institute	JPME	Joint Professional Military Education
HRO	Human Resources Office	JSEP	Job Skills Education Program
HSCP	High School Completion Program	JTR	Joint Travel Regulation
IAA	Inter-agency Agreement	KUDER	Kuder Career Search with Persons Match
IAAP	International Association of Administrative Professionals	LAN	Local Area Network
IADT	Initial Active Duty for Training	LCC-ST	Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist
IAW	In Accordance With		

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LERN	Learning Resources Network		Command (Army) or Military Enlistment Processing Command
LES	Leave and Earnings Statement		
L.L.B.	Bachelor of Law (degree)	M.Div.	Master of Divinity (degree)
LLN	Lifelong Learning Network	MDW	Military District of Washington (Army)
LLRC	Library/Learning Resource Center	MEDCOM	Medical Command (Army)
LO	Liaison Officer	M.Eng.	Master in Engineering (degree)
LRP	Loan Repayment Program (Army)	M.F.A.	Master of Fine Art (degree)
LSAT	Law School Admission Test	MGIB	Montgomery GI Bill
M.A.	Master of Art (degree)	MGIB-SR	Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve
MACOM	Major Command (Army)	M.H.L.	Master of Hebrew Literature (degree)
MAJCOM	Major Command (Air Force)	MIPR	Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request
MASP	Military Academic Skills Program	MIVER	Military Installation Voluntary Education Review
MAT	Miller Analogies Test	MLF	Multi-Use Learning Facility
M.B.A	Master of Business Administration (degree)	M.L.S.	Master of Library Science (degree)
MBTI	Myers-Brigg Type Indicator	MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MCAT	Medical College Admission Test	MOAA	Military Officer's Association of America (formerly The Retired Officer's Association)
MCCS	Marine Corps Community Services	MORE	Minority Officer Recruitment Effort (Army)
MCI	Marine Corps Institute	MOS	Military Occupational Specialty (Army)
MCNET	Military Counselor Network	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MCSEN	Marine Corps Satellite Education Network	MRC	Middlesex Research Corporation
M.D.	Doctor of Medicine (degree)	M.S.	Master of Science (degree)
M.Ed. or Ed.M.	Master of Education (degree)		
MEPCOM	Military Entrance Processing		

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MSACHE	Middle States Commission on Higher Education	NCACS	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
MSAT	Multiple Subjects Assessment for Teachers	NCC NCES	Navy College Center National Center for Educational Statistics
MSG	Message	NCLC	Navy College Learning Centers
MWR	Morale, Welfare and Recreation	NCLP	Navy College Learning Program
NACES	National Association of Credential Evaluation Services	NCMIS	Navy College Management Information System
NACUBO	National Association of College and University Business Officers	NCO	Navy College Office
NADLP	Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs (DANTES catalog)	NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
NAICU	National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities	NCOE	National Council for Occupational Education
NAIMES	National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services	NCOES	Non-Commissioned Officer Education System
NARTE	National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers	NCP	Navy College Program
NAS	Naval Air Station	NCPACE	Navy College Program for Afloat College Education
NASC	Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges	NCPDLP	Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership
NASULGC	National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges	NDU	National Defense University
NASW	National Association of Social Workers	NEASC	New England Association of Schools and Colleges
NBCOT	National Board for the Certification of Orthopedic Technologist	NEC	Navy Enlisted Classification
NBRC	National Board of Respiratory Care	NEHA	National Environmental Health Association
NBRT	National Board for Respiratory Therapy	NETC	Naval Education and Training Center
		NETPDTC	Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center
		NIASE	National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence
		NKO	Navy Knowledge Online

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NMCRS	Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society	OIC	Officer in Charge
NOCTI	National Occupational Competency Testing Institute	OJT	On-the-job Training
NLT	No Later Than	O&MN	Operations and Maintenance, Navy
NOTAL	Not To All	OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education (Dept. of Education)
NPC	Navy Personnel Command	OPM	Office of Personnel Management
NPRDC	Naval Personnel Research and Development Center	O/S	Overseas
NPS	Naval Postgraduate School	OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense
NRD	Navy Recruiting District	OTS	Officer Training School
NROTC	Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps	PAO	Public Affairs Office/Officer
NSCA	National Strength and Conditioning Association	PC	Paragraph Comprehension (ASVAB Score)
NSPI	National Society for Performance and Instruction	PCS	Permanent Change of Station
NTE	National Teachers Examination (now Praxis)	PEC	Professional Education Center (Army)
NUCEA	National University Continuing Education Association	PERSCOM	Personnel Command (Army)
NWC	Naval War College	Pharm.D.	Doctor of Pharmacy (degree)
OASD	Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense	Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy (degree)
OBE	Overcome by Events	PI or POI	Programmed Instruction or Program of Instruction
OBLC	Officer Basic Leadership Course	PLATO	Programmed Logic for Automatic Teaching Operations
OCONUS	Outside Continental United States	PLUS	Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students
OCS	Officer Candidate School	POA&M	Plan of Action and Milestones
O.D.	Doctor of Optometry (degree)	POC	Point of Contact
OECC	Office on Education Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education	POD	Plan of the Day
		POM	Program Objectives Memorandum

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POW	Plan of the Week	SHEEO	State Higher Education Executive Officers
PPBS	Planning, Programming, Budget System	SIU	Southern Illinois University
PPST	Pre-Professional Skills Test	SLRP	Student Loan Repayment Program
PREP	Pre-discharge Education Program	SLS	Supplemental Loans for Students
PSA	Personnel Support Activity	SMART	Sailor/Marine ACE Registry Transcript
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test	SMOLAA	Sailor/Marine Online Academic Advisor
PSD	Personnel Support Detachment	SOC	Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges
QH	Quarter Hour	SOCAD	SOC Army Degrees
RCEP	Reserve Component Education Panel	SOCOAST	SOC Coast Guard Degrees
REAP	Reserve Educational Assistance Program	SOCGUARD	SOC Army National Guard Degrees
RFP	Request for Proposal	SOCMAR	SOC Marine Corps Degrees
RFQ	Request for Quote	SOCNAV	SOC Navy Degrees
ROTC	Reserve Officers Training Corps	SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
SAA	State Approval Agency	SSIC	Standard Subject Identification Code
SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	STA-21	Seaman to Admiral Program
SAT	Scholastic Assessment Test	STT	Spouses to Teachers
SBTB	Short Basic Test Battery	TA	Tuition Assistance
SCAT	School and College Ability Test	TABE	Test of Adult Basic Education
SDS	Holland Self-Directed Search	TAD	Temporary Additional Duty
SECNAV	Secretary of the Navy	TAMP	Transition Assistance Management Program
SEOG	Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	TARC	Technical Academic Resource Center
SH	Semester Hour	TEMDU	Temporary Duty

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TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language	USCG	United States Coast Guard
TCO	Test Control Officer	USCGR	United States Coast Guard Reserve
TDY	Temporary Duty	USMA	United States Military Academy (at West Point)
TRADOC	Training and Doctrine Command (Army)	USMAP	United Services Military Apprenticeship Program
TSWE	Test of Standard Written English	USMAPS	United States Military Academy Prep School
TTT	Troops to Teachers	USMC	United States Marine Corps
UCEA	University Continuing Education Association	USMCR	United States Marine Corps Reserve
UIC	Unit Identification Code	USN	United States Navy
UMUC	University of Maryland University College	USNA	United States Naval Academy
USA	United States Army	USNR	United States Navy Reserve
USAF	United States Air Force	USUHS	Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences
USAFA	United States Air Force Academy	VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
USAFE	United States Air Forces in Europe	VE	Verbal Expression (ASVAB Score)
USAFI	United States Armed Forces Institute	VEAP	Veterans Educational Assistance Program
USAFR	United States Air Force Reserve	VEMIS	Voluntary Education Management Information Service
USANG	United States Air National Guard	VMET	Verification of Military Experience and Training
USAR	United States Army Reserve	VOLED	Voluntary Education
USAREC	United States Army Recruiting	VO-TECH	Vocational-Technical
USAREUR	United States Army Europe	VRA	Veterans Readjustment Act
USARNG	United States Army National Guard	WASC-JR	Western Association of Schools and Colleges / Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
USARPAC	United States Army, Pacific		
USARSO	United States Army, South		

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WASC-SR	Western Association of Schools and Colleges/ Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities
WK	Word Knowledge (ASVAB Score)
WO	Warrant Officer
WW(Yr) Ex. WW2009	DoD Worldwide Education Symposium