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Texas A&M System joins the College Credit for Heroes initiative

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AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission’s (TWC) College Credit for Heroes initiative reached a milestone today when TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton and Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp jointly announced that the A&M System has joined College Credit for Heroes, a statewide program that seeks to maximize the award of college credits to veterans and service members for their military training. The announcement was made during the opening ceremony of the 5th Annual Military Friendly Symposium, hosted by Texas A&M University in College Station.

“The addition of the Texas A&M University System to College Credit for Heroes expands opportunities for our veterans to have the skills and knowledge they gained during service to our country recognized,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “I applaud the A&M System for their leadership and for joining this unique initiative that eases the transition of veterans to civilian life.”

Recognizing the need to help more student veterans earn degrees, all 13 A&M System campuses joined the College Credit for Heroes initiative and signed agreements with TWC, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Central Texas College committing to review all www.CollegeCreditforHeroes.org transcript evaluations used to award college credit to veterans and service members for their military training. A total of 30 colleges and universities are now part of the initiative.

“Aligning our institutions with College Credit for Heroes demonstrates our commitment to keeping our military and veterans on track to achieve academic and career success,” said Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp. “Military training can absolutely match many academic courses, and this program offers substantial efficiencies and savings in time and money for our student veterans.”

Administered by TWC and launched in 2011, College Credit for Heroes is a workforce development initiative designed to recognize the exceptional knowledge and skills gained by veterans and service members during their military service and award them with college credits for this experience, and thus accelerate degree, workforce certificate, and licensing programs, allowing them to more easily re-enter the workforce.

“College Credit for Heroes will enable our returning veterans to establish credentials qualifying them for work in a variety of occupational fields,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “The growth of this initiative will ultimately expand professional and academic opportunities for our veterans, and allow them faster entry into rewarding careers.”

Central Texas College was integral in the development of the College Credit for Heroes Web portal, www.CollegeCreditforHeroes.org, and is working to standardize evaluation of college credit for military training and experience across Texas institutions. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board also supports program expansion by consulting on various military and higher education-related issues and coordinating program partnerships with higher education entities throughout the state.

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“Expanding College Credit for Heroes to the Texas A&M System universities will help Texas employers connect to nearly 450,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who possess the skills and experience they need,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “This program ultimately increases employment opportunities for our heroes and gives employers access to a more qualified workforce.”

Veterans can set up an account at www.CollegeCreditforHeroes.org. Once registered, users can access an evaluation of their military experience and training, and request a military transcript from their branch of service to be sent to College Credit for Heroes staff for review. Users may also request that a transcript of awarded credits be sent to a Texas college of their choice. Users also can check the status of evaluations and/or transcript requests, participate in a live chat with a representative, and upload, view and download military evaluation results and related documents.

Since its launch in April 2012, more than 19,234 veterans have created accounts through the College Credit for Heroes Web portal and 2,352 veterans have completed requests for transcripts. Based on the first year of operation, www.CollegeCreditforHeroes.org evaluations have awarded an average of 25 credit hours per veteran.

All 13 of the following Texas A&M System universities have joined College Credit for Heroes:

Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Prairie View A&M University
Tarleton State University
Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University – Kingsville
West Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University – Commerce
Texas A&M University – Texarkana
Texas A&M University – Central Texas
Texas A&M University – San Antonio
Texas A&M Health Science Center

The following 17 colleges and universities also are members of the College Credit for Heroes initiative:

<p style="text-align: center;">Alamo Colleges Angelo State University Austin Community College District Central Texas College Dallas County Community College District Galveston College Grayson College Houston Community College Lee College</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lone Star College System National University Parker University San Jacinto Community College District Tarrant County College District Temple College Western Governor’s University – Texas Texas State Technical College – Harlingen</p>
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For more information about College Credit for Heroes, visit www.texasworkforce.org/ccfh. Information on other workforce programs available for Texas veterans is available at vets.texasworkforce.org.

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