



Throughout its history, Thomas Edison State College (TESC) has served military personnel worldwide. The College has played a pioneering role for nearly four decades in developing military educational degree maps as well as career-related degrees that optimize military training and experience.

Thomas Edison State College has also enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the U.S. Navy. As a participant in the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership (NCPDLP), our steadfast commitment to serve the educational needs of Sailors' worldwide is even more evident.

The NCPDLP program was created by the U.S. Navy in response to Sailors' needs for greater access to higher education. Through the NCPDLP program, the Navy has developed these special college partnerships to offer rating-related degrees via distance learning options.

The program provides associate and bachelor degree programs related to each rating, and offers maximum use of military professional training and experience to fulfill degree requirements. The program builds on the existing Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges-Navy (SOCNAV) foundation, which supports both the Sailor's mobile lifestyle and educational goals.

Chartered in 1972 and regionally accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the College is one of New Jersey's 12 senior public institutions of higher learning. It offers educationally valid alternatives to college classroom study appropriate to the varied needs and learning styles of adults, especially those in the military. We want to help you make your goal of a college education a reality. Once you have completed your degree, you will be glad you made the investment.

Thomas Edison State College has been a proud participant of the Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) since 2004. We offer 13 general education CD-ROM based courses and 3 degree programs. These courses allow students to continue their education while deployed and without reliable, consistent Internet access. Our degree programs can be completed utilizing a combination of SMART credits, NCPACE and standard TESC classes, Dantes, CLEPS and credits earned from other Regionally Accredited colleges and universities. In addition college credit may be awarded for professional training programs or licenses and certifications that have been evaluated and approved by the American Council on Education (ACE). By participating in the NCPACE program, a sailor can continue his goal of earning a degree confidently from sea to shore without interruption.

To support students earning degrees at a distance, Thomas Edison State College provides a complete network of resources to serve military students worldwide. Through the NCPDLP, courses are delivered in various ways: Guided Study, Online courses, e-Pack and FlashTrack courses. To learn more about each of these credit-earning options, please visit: <http://www.tesc.edu/6103.php>. Conveniently, TESC offers twelve semesters a year beginning on or around the first of each month. To see a listing of course options and available degree programs, please visit our website at: <http://www.tesc.edu/academics/academicprograms.php>.

To enroll in a degree program with Thomas Edison State College, an NCPACE student will need to apply to the College using the online application, which can be found at <https://ssl.tesc.edu/application/> and send official transcripts from each institution previously attended. An official degree audit will be completed for the student once the application and all transcripts have been received. To earn an Associate's degree through the NCPDLP program at Thomas Edison State College, students must complete at least 9 semester hours of TESC credit to meet the academic residency requirement. For a Bachelors degree, there is an academic residency requirement of 18 credits. Thomas Edison State College NCPACE courses help to meet this academic residency requirement. For more information on the application process, please visit: <http://www.tesc.edu/223.php>.

Thomas Edison State College graduates students four times a year: March, June, September and December. Bi-annual Commencement ceremonies are held in April and October at the College's Trenton, NJ campus to recognize all graduates from the previous year. Please note that it is not required that Graduates attend either ceremony.

To learn more about the NCPDLP or the NCPACE program, visit your Navy College Office or visit the Navy College Center's Web site at <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil>. For more information about Thomas Edison State College, the NCPACE program, or to receive a brochure about the NCPDLP call (866) 446-1804 or e-mail militaryeducation@tesc.edu to contact a specialized military education counselor.