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## *Spotlight on:*

## **Tips for Finding the Right College**



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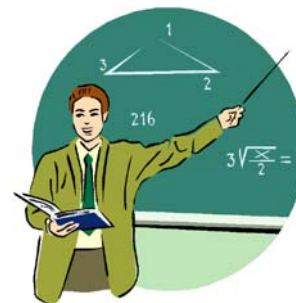
The tips that follow are applicable to any college you are considering. They can help you choose the right college or university that is a perfect fit for you and your needs.

- 1) Curriculum – Look for schools that offer the right courses for the area of study you want to pursue. If you aren't sure, look for a school that has a broad-based liberal-arts program.
- 2) Location – Do you want to take classes in a classroom setting or via distance learning? This is an important question to answer and it will determine what schools you can attend.
- 3) Cost – It is important that you know what the cost of the classes are because this could help you decide what university you would like to attend. Remember that if you are using Tuition Assistance you are given up to \$250 per semester hour, totaling \$4500 for the fiscal year for Marines and 12 semester hours per fiscal year for Sailors.
- 4) College application process – Find out if you need to take any tests prior to enrolling. Some schools require that you have taken the SAT and /or the ACT in order to apply. After acceptance, some schools may have you take placement tests before you can enroll.
- 5) Financial Aid – Financial Aid is available at every school you might want to attend. Get in touch with the financial aid office at your



choices and inquire how they can help you. You can also apply for federal loans and grants by filling out a FASFA form. The form is available at the Education Office at MCAS and MCRD, or visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

- 6) Talk to other students – Nobody knows as much about a school as students who are currently enrolled. The students can tell you about the professors and academics.
- 7) Most importantly– visit your local Education Office prior to enrolling in any University or College.



*"Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."  
- John Dewey*



## **Just a reminder!!**



The SAT is currently only available through June 30, 2006. After June 30, the program closes for the months of July, August, and September. Beginning in October, there will be a new SAT given.



## **Spouse-to-Teachers Program**

**Spouses to Teachers** is a program designed to assist spouses of active duty military in their pursuit of K-12 teaching positions in both public and private schools in the U.S. The states of California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and

Virginia will provide information, counseling and guidance to eligible spouses regarding teacher certification requirements, routes to certification, employment potential, financial assistance, and assistance with employment searches. Spouses will receive up to \$600 to reimburse

the cost of tests required for state teacher licensure/certification.

**Eligibility:** Spouses of active duty personnel and spouses of members of the Selected Reserve or IRR on extended active duty who possess a valid spouse ID card showing "Active" status.

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### **MASP SCHEDULE**

Military Academic Skills Program

**MCAS July 10 – July 28**

**MCRD Aug 7 – Aug 25**

**MCAS Sept 5 – Sept 25**

## **TESTING SCHEDULES**

### **MCAS TESTING INFORMATION**

**DLPT/DLAB** - JUNE 1 at 0800  
**CLEP** - JUNE 1, 7, 15, & 27 at 0800  
and JUNE 14 & 27 at 1400  
**DSST** - JUNE 1, 7, 15, & 27 at 0800  
and JUNE 14 & 27 at 1400  
**SAT** - JUNE 5 at 0800  
**ASVAB** - JUNE 6, 20 & 26 at 0800  
**TABE** - JUNE 7, 14 & 28 at 0800  
and JUNE 15 & 28 at 1400  
**ACT** - JUNE 12 & 29 at 0800

### **MCRD TESTING INFORMATION**

**TABE** - JUNE 1 at 1300 & JUNE 8 at 0800  
**DLPT/DLAB** - JUNE 1 & 15 at 0800  
**ASVAB** - JUNE 5 & 20 at 0800  
**CLEP** - JUNE 6, 20, & 27 at 0800  
**DSST** - JUNE 6, 20 & 27 at 0800  
**ACT** - JUNE 7 & 21 at 0800  
**SAT** - JUNE 14 & 22 at 0800

**ALL TESTING REQUIRES PRIOR RESERVATIONS**