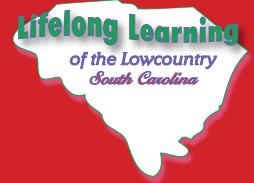


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## Spotlight On:

# AeX

# Academic Explorer

**Welcome to the United States Marine Corps' Academic Explorer (AeX), brought to you in cooperation with Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) and its Lifelong Learning Program (LLP).**

AeX is a powerful web-based tool for identifying and exploring post-secondary education options in an un-biased, standardized, and comprehensive manner.

**No personal information required and no annoying pop-up's from "for profit" institutions.**

AeX contains comprehensive information on the certificate and degree program offerings of regionally and nationally accredited academic institutions.

AeX users can quickly and efficiently locate the academic institutions and educational programs that best meet their needs, thereby avoiding the overwhelming amount of information provided by generic web-based search engines.

AeX also eliminates the need for users to navigate through the website of each institution to find relevant information. It eliminates the need to draw from oftentimes outdated information in print catalogs that may be available, or tap the personal knowledge and experience of counselors who may lack comprehensive information at their fingertips.

While AeX has been deployed in cooperation with the USMC Lifelong Learning Program, it is an open platform and can be used by other services of the Department of Defense, or for that matter, by any member of the general public.

AeX is a fully open platform and there is no fee to users to access and use the system. Equally important, AeX does not require users to register with the system, or provide any personal information whatsoever.

The online search capability of AeX is robust. It allows users to search and evaluate post secondary education programs at all levels from Certificate Programs to Associates Degrees, Bachelors Degrees and beyond using a variety of search criteria including: Keywords; Degree Level; Degree/Discipline; Location; Institution; and other criteria.

AeX is easy to use and presents information in a clear and helpful manner. Once users zero in on the degree programs, course offerings, or institutions that meet their criteria, they can then explore the details for each option right down to course descriptions, number of credits, prerequisites, and a host of other relevant information.

[www.mcaex.net](http://www.mcaex.net)

## JUST A REMINDER:

NEW STUDENTS  
SHOULD VISIT  
THEIR EDUCATION  
OFFICE PRIOR  
TO REGISTERING  
FOR CLASSES AT  
ANY LOCAL OR  
DISTANCE LEARNING  
INSTITUTION.

Spring registration has begun! Please visit the Education Office at either MCAS Beaufort or MCRD Parris Island to begin the necessary paperwork to get enrolled for the spring semester. First time tuition assistance users must have an ASVAB GT score of 100 or above to use tuition assistance. Those who have a score of 99 or below must take a TABE placement test in order to determine if you are eligible to access tuition assistance funding. Call MCAS at 228-7484 or MCRD at 228-2152 to speak with an Ed Tech.

### LOCAL COLLEGE CONTACT NUMBERS

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY  | 228-7585 |
| PARK UNIVERSITY                       | 228-7052 |
| TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY   | 228-7494 |
| UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX                 | 228-7102 |
| UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT | 228-7499 |
| WEBSTER UNIVERSITY                    | 524-1851 |
| WHEELOCK COLLEGE                      | 522-1183 |

For the latest in local education news, always visit our website: <http://www.mccssc.com/lifelong/>

## DECEMBER 2008 TESTING SCHEDULES

### MCRD Parris Island 228-2086/3889

#### ASVAB

December 1, 8 & 15 • 0800

#### CLEP/DSST

December 3, 10 & 17  
0800 & 1400

#### DLPT

December 4 • 0800

#### TABE

December 4, 11 & 18  
0800

#### SAT

December 8 & 22 • 0800

#### DLAB

December 18 • 0800

#### ACT

December 19 • 0800

#### CLEP/DSST

December 31 • 0800

Testing  
requires a prior  
appointment.  
Please call at  
least two days  
in advance to  
schedule.

### MCAS Beaufort 228-7474/7421

#### ACT

December 1 & 9 • 0830

#### SAT

December 2 & 11 • 0800

December 3, 10 & 17

0830 & 1400

#### ASVAB

December 8 & 18 • 0830

#### TABE

December 15 • 0830 & 1400

#### DLAB

December 16 • 0830

For free, full length practice tests on the SAT, ACT, ASVAB, and CLEP General and Subject tests check out [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil) and follow the directions below:

#### Log in:

>select Learning >Scroll to mid page, right side> to DOD MWR Libraries (Petersons)>register> select College Success Tools>choose practice test (be aware it may take a moment to load)

On-Line Databases now available via your Library:

| Location Name                   | Standard URL  | LocationID | Password |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|----------|
| MCAS BEAUFORT                   | <a href="http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/usmcbem">http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/usmcbem</a> | usmcbem    | usmc     |
| MCCS MCRD PARRIS ISLAND LIBRARY | <a href="http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/usmcpim">http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/usmcpim</a> | usmcpim    | usmc     |

*The principal goal of education is to create men who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done.*

*Jean Piaget (1896-1980) Swiss cognitive psychologist.*