







# U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

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### **Evolution of NCO Education**





1973

- U.S. Involvement in Vietnam ends (12 years)
- Selective Service ends
- TRADOC Established
- NCOES Established with Four Levels of PME
- Doctrine changes to reflect known threat
- Training and Education focused on preparing for linear fight with a known enemy



Today

- U.S. Involvement in Afghanistan/Iraq winding down (16 years)
- NCOES Evolving into NCOPDS with Six Levels of PME
- Doctrine changes to reflect unknowable threat
- Training and Education focused on preparing for multi-domain fight with an unknown enemy



# NCO 2020 Strategy



### UNITED STATES ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND



NCO 2020 Strategy

NCOs Operating in a Complex World

Leader development is a process that aligns training, education, and experience to prepare leaders who exercise mission command to prevail in unified land operations.

-The Army Leader Development Strategy 2013

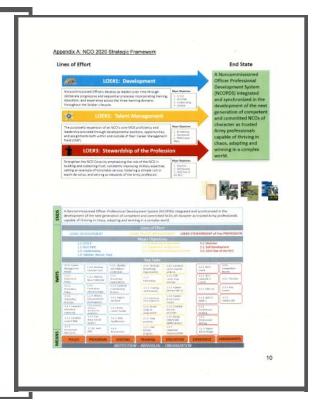
For more than 240 years the American Soidier has answered the call to action and in every era of conflict and way, the professional Noncommissioned Officer has played a significant role as a leader of Soidiers. The roles and responsibilities of the NOO have always been to lead, train, and care for Soidiers and equipment while enforcing standards. The NOO Creed galaximizes the ideal that NOOs are professional soidiers who are also members of a time honored corps known as "The Backhone of the Army." Though the values associated with the NOO Corps will never change, the future operating environment will most certainly be more complex and uncertain than we've ever known.

The Army Operating Concept (ACC) describes how future Army forces will prevent conflict, shape security environments, and vin ware while operating se part of our Joint Force and working with multiple partners. The ACC guides future force development by identifying first order capabilities that the Army needs to support U.S. policy objectives. It provides the intellectual foundation and framework for learning and for applying what we learn to future force development under Force 2025 and beyord. This begain the quality of the arm of the provides the Joint Force with multiple options, integrate the efforts of multiple partners, operate assumed that the note of the RCO will be as entire as even in our Army's ability to win the season of the provides the Joint of the Provides the Joint State (with the Provides and State

To best prepare our NCO Corps for the challenges of an uncertain future, we must fundamentally change and evolve the Noncommissioned Officer Education System into a comprehensive leader development system that links training, education, and experiences spanning the operational, institutional, and self-development faming gomains.

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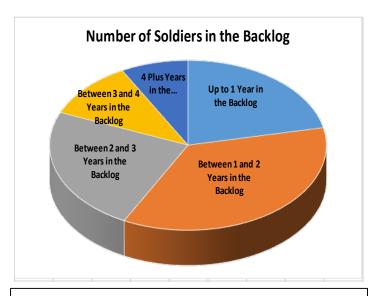




# NCO PME Backlog



The NCOPDS Backlog will freeze on 1 January 2016.



Soldiers remaining in the legacy backlog will be given an opportunity to attend PME scheduled against existing quotas leveraging the OASS.

Soldiers over four years in the NCOPDS Ba	acklog:
TOTAL:	388 -179
BLC:	87
ALC:	193
SLC:	108
Soldiers up to four years in the NCOPDS B	acklog:
TOTAL:	532 <sub>-143</sub>
BLC:	122
ALC:	251
SLC:	159
Soldiers up to three years in the NCOPDS	Backlog:
TOTAL:	1,165 <sub>-424</sub>
BLC:	327
ALC:	613
SLC:	225
Soldiers up to two years in the NCOPDS Ba	acklog:
TOTAL:	1,767
BLC:	639
ALC:	757
SLC:	371
Soldiers up to one years in the NCOPDS B	<u>acklog</u> :
TOTAL:	1,067
BLC:	121
ALC:	71
SLC:	875 <sub>-5601</sub>



### Creation of the Army University



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1 Higher Learning Commission *Master of Military Art and Science* Accreditation

Army University Affiliation

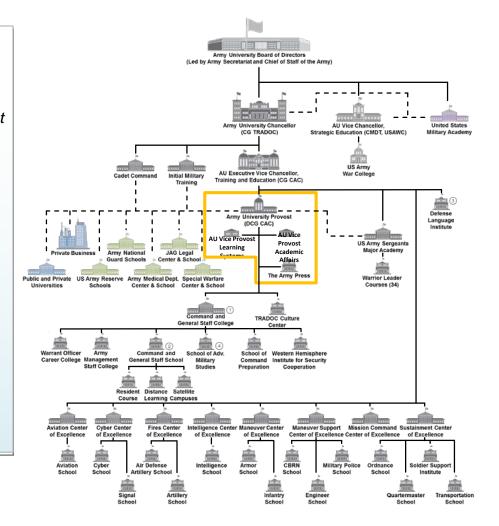
2 Joint Staff J7 Joint Professional Military Education - I Accreditation

Partnership

(3) Associate Degree

4 Joint Professional Military Education – II Accreditation Potential

Organization as of 07JUL15







# **Combined Arms Center**

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# **Army University Overview**



- Army University "The Why"
- Faculty Development and Recognition Program (FDRP)
- New Draft DA 1059
- Army U 'Universal" Transcript
- BLC- USASMA Continuing Education Degree Program



# Army University - "Why"



- "The current Army Education Structure does not address the complexity of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Security Environment."
- The creation of Army University helps to align Total Force
  Officer, Warrant Officer, and Non-commissioned Officer
  Professional Military Education and Army Civilian Education
  Programs within a unified academic construct.
- Army University will increase academic rigor and relevance; increase Soldier, Army Civilian, and Leader competence, character, and commitment; expand educational prestige of Army learning institutions; promulgate best management practices; and increase institutional agility to meet the needs of the operating force.



### Faculty Development & Recognition Program



- TR 600-21 scheduled publish date is 1 OCT 17
- FDRP <u>expands participation</u> from NCOs <u>to all</u> <u>cohorts and components</u>
- Course requirements revised to reflect the new Common Faculty Development – Instructor Course (CFD-IC)
- <u>Badge requirements</u> revised and standardized to <u>increase instructor development</u> and contribute to faculty improvement and student learning.
- TRADOC policy letter will accompany the TR 600-21 publication to address the transition and recognition of instructor time back to 10 JUL 2013

### **Basic**

- CFDP IC (FDP 1)
- ✓ Local Cert Requirements (FDP 2)
- √ 80 Hours as a Primary Instructor (PI)
- ✓ 4 Developmental Observations
- ✓ 2 Evals scoring at least 12 pnts

### **Senior**

- / IDBC (Instr Design Basic Crs)
- ✓ EIC (Evaluator Inst Crs)
- √ 280 Hours as a PI
- √ 12 mos. as Basic Instructor
- ✓ 3 Developmental Observations
- √ 3 Evals scoring at least 16 pnts

### Master

- √ 480 Hours as a PI
- ✓ 24 mos. as Senior Instructor
- ✓ Conduct 4 EIC evaluations of junior Instructors
- √ 3 evals scoring at least 20 pnts
- Recommended by Master Instructor Selection Board







### Draft DA Form 1059



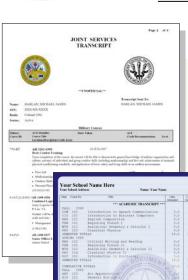
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# ArmyU "Universal" Transcript





### Joint Transcript System:

Professional Military Education-American Council on Education (ACE) Credits

#### Civilian Institutions:

Regionally / Nationally Accredited Higher Learning



### Certifications: State, National, International Technical Qualifications

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### \*\*\* CERTIFICATION TRANSCRIPT \*\* YEAR: YYYY

Institution: US Army Ordnance Center and School Certification: Master MIG Welder

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Institution: US Army Ordnance Center and School Certification: Advanced Lifesaving and CPR

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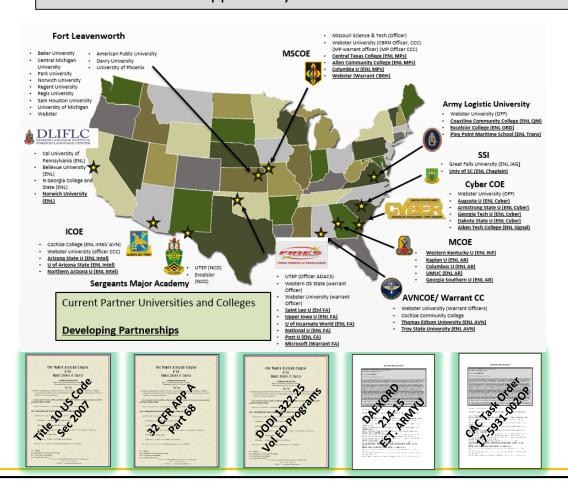




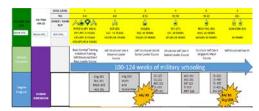
### Continuing Education Degree Program



Purpose: To leverage Academic Partner's degree programs in order to supplement military training with education opportunities that drive critical and creative thinkers and provides Soldiers an academic opportunity to receive a credential within their first term of service.



- 1. Degree program is either technical or educational
- 2. Degree program selected are aligned to technical occupation or Leadership
- 3. Academic Institute is willing to align learning objectives to actual courses and not just electives.
- 4. Academic institute provides credit for credit due and still maintains rigor.



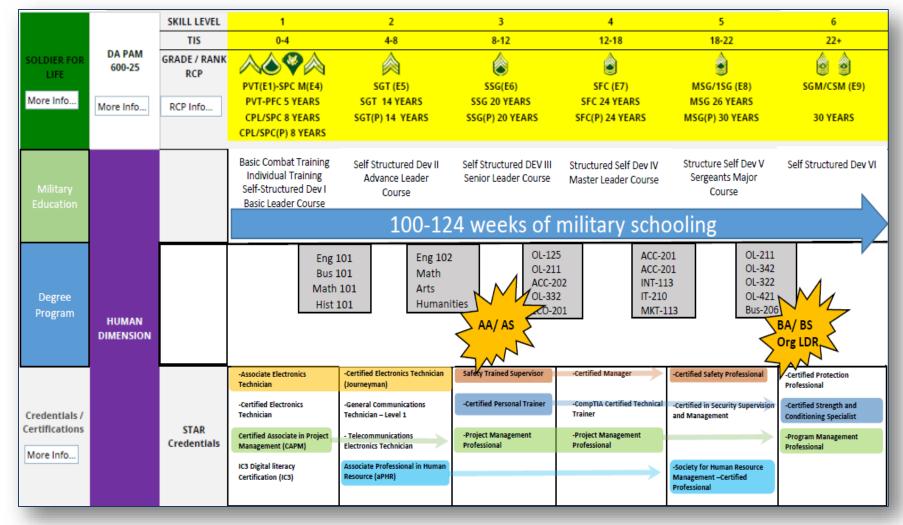
Professional Development Model Credentialing Pathways





### Proponent Professional Development Models







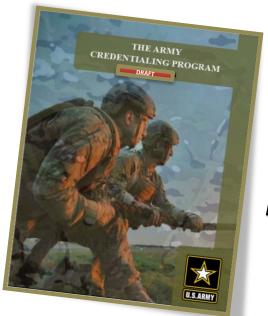


# **Army University**

Mr. Joe Parson Credentialing Program Officer



### Army Credentialing Program: Strategy





Increase Army Readiness...

Professionalize the Force...

Prepare Career Ready Soldiers!



### ☐ The credentialing landscape is complicated, with no "one-size, fits all" approach available!

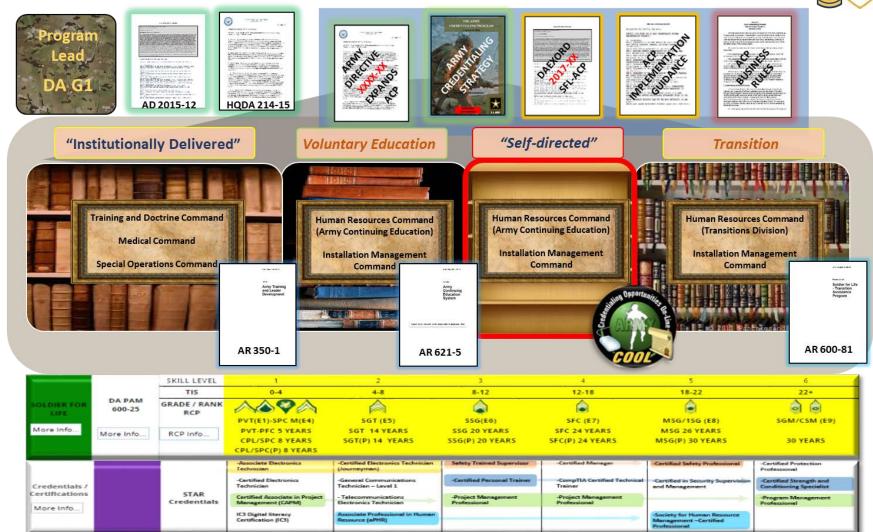
- Recognition of each credential at various levels: International, National, Regional, & Local
- Licensed by: Federal, State, & Municipality
- Certified by: Accredited Institution, Third-party Agency, Industry Leader, & Government
- > Reciprocity among: States, Locality, Occupational Fields, & Employers
- Credentialing support requirements: Administrative, Training Materials, Training Provider, Certification/License, Recertification/Licensing & Continuing Education Units (CEUs)





# Army Credentialing Program

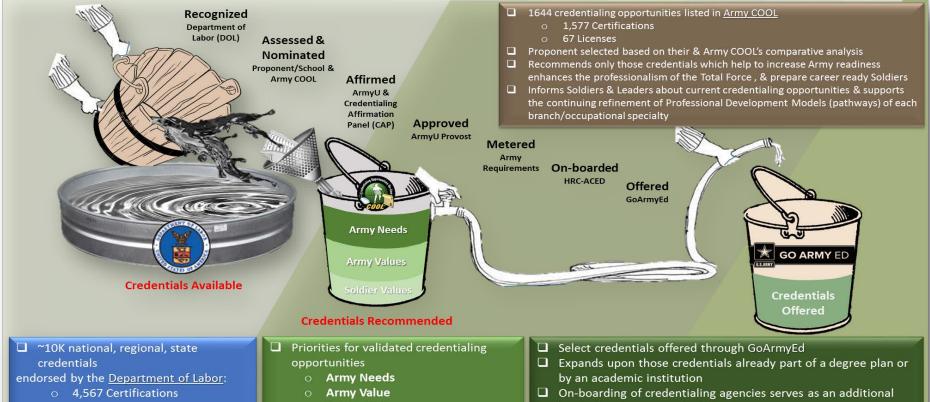






# Army Credentialing Program: Credentialing Inclusion Simplified





"Less is more", at least in the beginning

level of authentication/validation

prioritizing resources

Enrollment & execution through GoArmyEd allows for metering,

management, and accountability of those credentials supported

using Army Needs, Army Value, and Soldier Value as means for

Soldier Value

requirements

Serves as proof of authorization prior to

use of Army appropriated funds

Metering capability based on Army



o 6.267 Licenses

validation and value

increase Army readiness

Limited oversight, varying degrees of

☐ Significant #s of which will not directly





# United States Army Sergeants Major Academy

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# Agenda



- Purpose
- Problem Statement
- Leader Core Competencies (LCC) aka Common Core
- Why and How of NCO PME Redesign/Strategy
- Basic Leader Course
- Master Leader Course
- Distributed Leader Course (DLC) aka SSD
- Sergeants Major Course with Bachelors Degree Program
- ITCOP
- Questions



## **Purpose**



To present an update of the NCO Professional Military Education, Leader Core Competencies (LCC) across the learning continuum.





### NCO PME Problem Statement



**Problem:** Lack of a **unified** and **relevant** standardized core competencies in NCO PME. Current curriculum fails to meet the Army's needs of leader competencies across the NCO cohort.





# Leader Core Competencies (LCC)



TRADOC has determined that there are six Leader Core Competencies (LCC), formally known as Common Core, that all NCOs should develop while in PME:



- Readiness
- Leadership
- Training Management
- Army and Joint Operations
- Program Management
- Communications



### What We Did



- USASMA conducted Analysis:
  - Needs, Goal, Target Audience, and Gap Analysis
- How:
  - Surveyed target audiences (E-1 to O-4) on topics, and conducted subject matter expert (SME) discussions with Soldiers and leaders (TRADOC, FORSCOM, & IMCOM) from all 3 compos
- Where:
  - Fort Benning
  - Fort Gordon
  - Fort Leonard Wood
  - Fort Huachuca
  - Fort Lee
  - Fort Bliss

- Fort Rucker
- Fort Sill
- Fort Knox
- Camp Williams, Utah
- Fort Jackson
- Ft. Bragg



### **Considerations**



- Considered all data points (Surveys, Previous CTSSBs, Directives, validation reports, focus groups, site visits to COEs, etc.)
- TRADOC CSM's 6 LCCs (*Readiness, Leadership, Training Management, Communications, Program Management, Army and Joint Operations*)
- Supports the Army Operating Concept's (20) Warfighting Challenges
- Supports 4 Army Learning Areas and 14 General Learning Outcomes
- Bloom's Taxonomy (content at the appropriate learning level & domain)
- All lessons written in the Experiential Learning Model (ELM) Format
- Supports NCO 2020 Strategy & ALDS
- IAW The Army Learning Concept 2020-2040





### What was confirmed

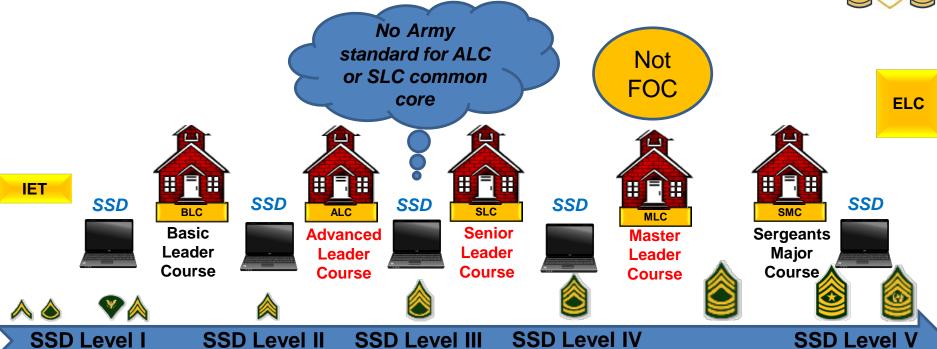


- Deficiencies in Communications, Leadership, Operations (Army & Joint),
   Program Management, Readiness, and Training Management (Six leader competency areas)
- Lack of *integration* and *synchronization* of the Army Learning Areas (ALA), and the General Learning Outcomes (GLO) in accordance with TRADOC Pam 525-8-2, *The U.S. Army Learning Concept for Training and Education* 2020-2040
- Courses currently do not focus on problem-based assessments, promote critical or creative thinking, nor are they learner centric
- Courses are not sequential or progressive



### CURRENT NCO PME LEARNING CONTINUUM





76 Hours

80 Hours

PME not sequential or progressive and SSDs do not support school curriculum

80 Hours

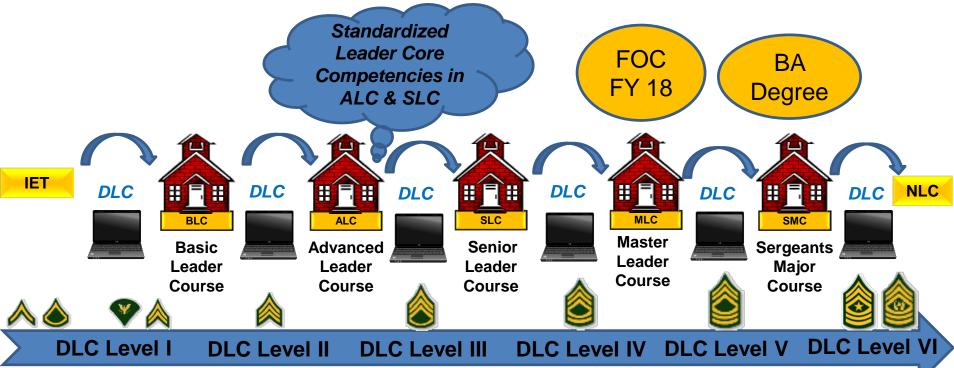
**73.1 Hours** 

80 Hours



### FUTURE NCO PME LEARNING CONTINUUM





Each level of DLC will be approximately 40 hours

All PME is sequential and progressive and DLC supports resident curriculum



# Strategy



- Increased rigor in content with written assessments that requires more research (no multiple choice exams)
- Content will have more practical application
- Assessments will be based on demonstrated abilities and learning outcomes
- Content will be sequential and progressive across the continuum
- Focus will be on leader competencies and attributes
- Built under the Experiential Learning Model (ELM) for adult learning
- Is learner centric & facilitated, not lectured



### Basic Leader Course - Current



- 22 Days, 169 hours
- Current BLC has 3 Modules:
  - Leadership, 49 hours
  - Training Management, 41 hours
  - Warfighting, 79 hours



 Current BLC has 30 Lessons, 9 evaluations/assessments and 3 multiple choice examinations



### Basic Leader Course - New



- 22 Days, 169 hours
- The new BLC is designed in the LCCs:
  - Readiness, 37 hours
  - Leadership, 42 hours
  - Training Management, 22 hours
  - Operations, 14 hours
  - Communication, 47 hours
  - Program Management, 7 hours



 New BLC has 22 Lessons, 5 evaluations/assessments and no multiple choice examinations



### Master Leader Course



- 13 Straight days, 112 hours
- 4 Modules: Communications 22 hours, Leadership & Management 14 hours, Operations 76 hours
- 10 NCOA Locations: Ft. Dix, Ft. Knox, Ft. Bragg, Ft. Bliss, Ft. Campbell, JBLM, Ft. Hood, Ft. Stewart, Camp Williams, Camp Shelby
- Operationally focused education
- Academically rigorous with an emphasis on adaptive thinking and collaborative problem solving
- Non resident version projected to be FOC May 18



# **MLC Outcomes (Student Comments)**



- "One of the best courses I've ever attended"
- "I feel way more confident working on a staff now"
- "I got the most out of the MDMP and Joint lessons"
- "This is the stuff I've been wanting from other schools, but didn't get"
- "This course was extremely (academically) challenging. I really learned a lot"
- "Is the Army willing to invest in NCO education? We need more time to reflect and absorb the mass amounts of this great information"





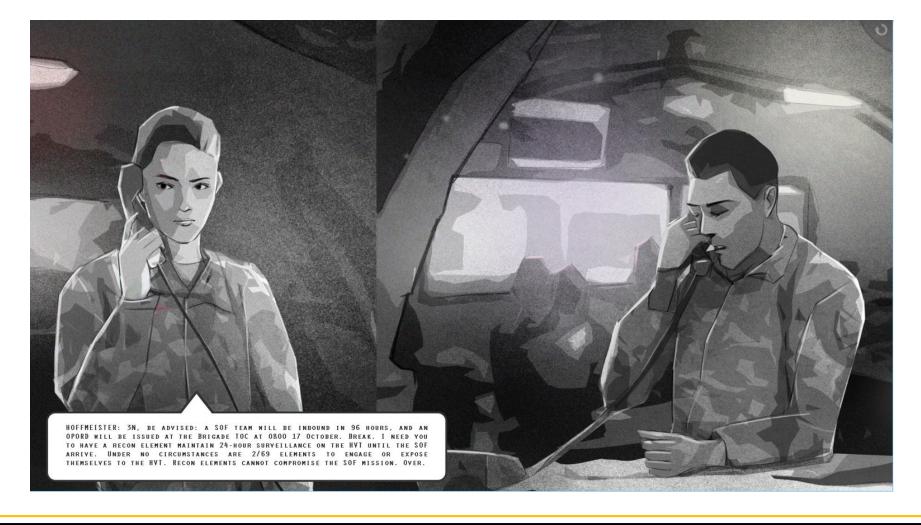
- SSDs will undergo a name change to Distributed Leader Course (DLC) and will consist of six levels designed and developed with a more modern look and feel that today's Soldiers identify with
- Soldiers are auto-enrolled upon completion of IMT and each NCO PME course. Working to change auto-enrollment upon Soldier being eligible for promotion
- Once enrolled, must complete DLC prior to attending PME based on promotion eligibility
- Designed using the Experiential Learning Model (ELM) of Adult Learning
- DLC I to be delivered to the force 1 June 2018 and each level after on average of 4 months

All PME is sequential and progressive and DLC supports resident curriculum









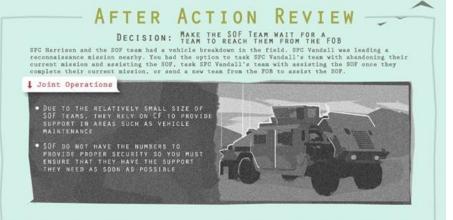






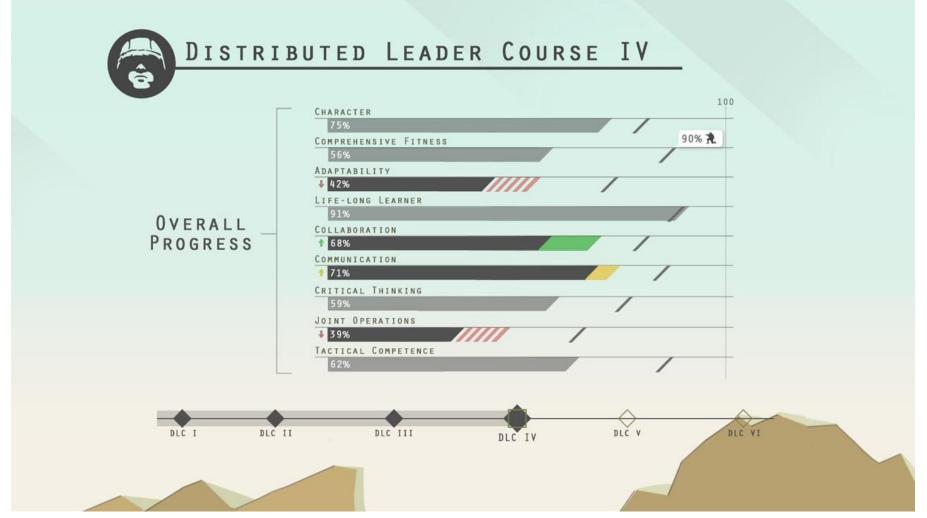














### Resident SMC 69 Proposed Course Map



5ds 6ds	60ds	1d	30ds	9ds	1d	30ds	1d	5ds	60ds	1d	8ds
In Processing Foundations	Department of Military Operations (DMO) Joint and Army Operations	Capstone, E-Portfolio, IDP, and Counseling	Department of Force Management (DFM)	December Block Leave	Capstone, E-Portfolio, IDP, and Counseling	Department of Command Leadership (DCL)	Capstone, E-Portfolio, IDP, and Counseling	Spring Block Leave	Department of Professional Studies (DPS)  CSM/SGM Broadening Subjects (All Students Participate)  Certificates & Credentialing (Student's Option)  College (Student's Option)  SMC Electives (Student's Option)	Capstone, E-Portfolio, IDP, and Counseling	Graduation & Out Processing



# Institutional Training Common Operational Picture (ITCOP)

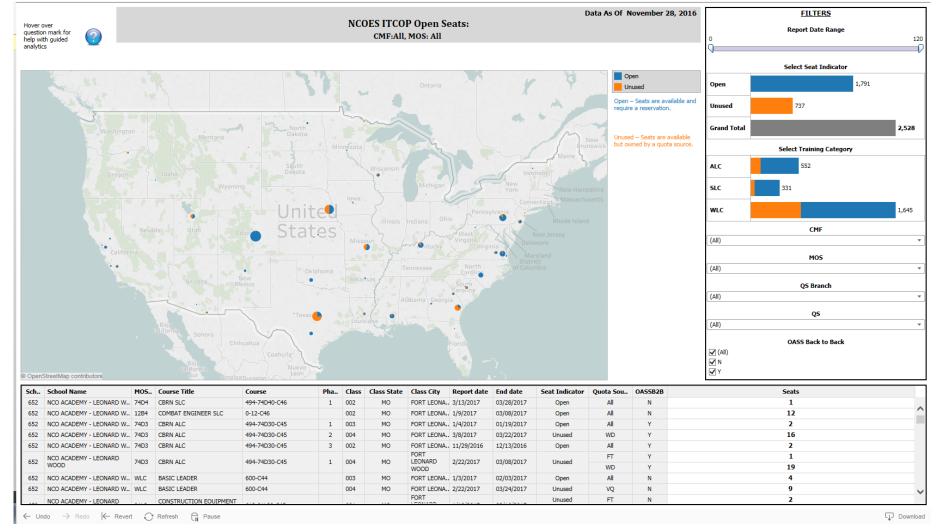


- ➤ Who: Institutional Training Common Operational Picture (ITCOP) provides a snapshot of all NCOA and MOS-T courses available to all Soldiers regardless of component affiliation.
- ➤ What : An ATRRS-managed tool that provides commanders and leaders an up-to-date status of training through multiple dashboards -- the open seat dashboard, the fill rate dashboard and the school fill rate dashboard.
- Where: ATRRS home page at: https://www.atrrs.army.mil/ITCOP
- ➤ When: The ITCOP provides the ability to view available institutional training seats from 0-120 days of a class start date by military occupational specialty, career management field and location.
- ➤ Why: The ITCOP is a one-stop program that enables commanders and leaders to efficiently monitor TASS capacity vacancies in near real-time and capitalize on opportunities to schedule Soldiers for training as needed -- to maximize training execution in a resource-constrained environment. .



# Institutional Training Common Operational Picture (ITCOP)







### **Questions?**





**End State:** NCO PME Courses that are relevant, synchronized, progressive and integrates core leader competencies across the continuum.