

BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER  
ON  
AIR UNIVERSITY  
ASSOCIATE TO BACCALAUREATE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this bullet background paper is to provide an overview of the Air University Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU-ABC) program. The AU-ABC program links Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Associate in Applied Science (AAS) graduates and students to online accredited civilian academic institutions that offer baccalaureate level educational opportunities to Air Force enlisted personnel.

#### DISCUSSION

- AU-ABC was launched on 15 June 2007 as a partnership between Air University and civilian academic institutions to link CCAF graduates and students to bachelor level degree programs
- AU-ABC key features
  - Maximize military credit transfer to “military friendly” civilian online degree programs
  - Partner institutions are regionally accredited or accredited by the Distance Education and Accrediting Commission
  - Students complete no more than 60 semester hours after CCAF AAS, in most cases
  - Students must be Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard to participate
- The Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) is the gateway for participation offering:
  - AU-ABC program search by Air Force Specialty Code
  - Links to partner schools’ webpages and AU-ABC degree plans
- Recent AU-ABC Successes (1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017)
  - Increase of 5 partner schools and 14 AU-ABC programs
  - Increase of 23,576 AU-ABC students who completed 30,195 courses
- Cumulative AU-ABC Successes (June 2007 – December 2017)
  - 107,537 AU-ABC students completed 205,827 courses

#### CONCLUSION

The AU-ABC program provides enlisted Airmen excellent distance learning baccalaureate level educational opportunities. The AFVEC provides potential AU-ABC students with the necessary information to continue their advanced educational goals.

## Air University Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative Partner Schools

American InterContinental University	Old Dominion University
American Military University	Park University
Amridge University Inc.	Regent University
Angelo State University	Regis University
Argosy University	Saint Leo University
Ashford University	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Baker College Online	Southern New Hampshire University
Bellevue University	Southwestern College
Bismarck State College	Strayer University
Bowling Green State University	SUNY - Empire State College
Brandman University	Thomas Edison State University
Colorado Technical University	Thomas University
Columbia College	Touro University Worldwide
Columbia Southern University	Trident University International
DeVry University Chicago	Troy University
East Carolina University	University of Alaska Anchorage
ECPI University	United States Sports Academy
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Arizona
Excelsior College	University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Fort Hays State University	University of Great Falls
Grand Canyon University	University of Management and Technology
Granite State College	University of Maryland University College
Grantham University	University of North Dakota
Indiana State University	University of Northwestern Ohio
Kaplan University Online	University of Oklahoma
Liberty University	University of the Incarnate Word
National American University	University of West Alabama
National Graduate School of Quality Management	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
National Louis University	Waldorf College
Northern Arizona University	Wayland Baptist University
Northwestern State University Of Louisiana	Webster University
Northwood University	Wilmington University