

CCAF GRIFFIN'S POST

2026 Second Quarter Newsletter

Celebrating 50 Years (20% of Our Nation's History) as a Federally Chartered Institution!

The Air Force has always recognized the positive effects of education and continually established various programs to meet the needs of the Department of the Air Force, its personnel, and society as a whole. One of the most notable programs is the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). CCAF was established in 1972 to provide academic recognition and standard civilian-equivalent credentials for the rigorous technical and leadership training completed by enlisted Airmen and Guardians. On 14 July 1976, President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-361 granting CCAF the authority to confer degrees. CCAF now operates under 10 U.S. Code § 9415 with Air University conferring degrees under 10 U.S. Code § 9417. CCAF is one of several federally chartered degree-granting institutions; however, it is the only 2-year institution exclusively serving enlisted personnel. CCAF awards the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree upon completing degree program requirements for the designated Air Force specialty. Today, it is the largest multi-campus community college system in the world, partnering with over 350 Air Force schools and civilian institutions.

Forging Lethality

Recent initiatives such as PACER FORGE and BRACER FORGE require Airmen and Guardians to apply the skills learned at their respective Air Force schools in realistic, contested expeditionary environments while also meriting CCAF credit. These efforts connect directly to AETC's mission in developing warfighters who can think critically and make sound decisions under pressure before arriving in the operational field.

By integrating rigorous, hands-on evaluations like PACER FORGE and BRACER FORGE into the curriculum, instructors ensure that the academic rigor required to earn CCAF credit directly aligns with the practical demands of modern warfare. Ultimately, this seamless blend of accredited education and combat-focused training guarantees that Department of the Air Force members are not just academically equipped, but emerge as elite technical SMEs fully prepared to support and execute real-world operations globally.

Earn your FAA A&P Certificate

Validate your Air Force experience with the Joint Service Aviation Maintenance Certification Council and get your ticket to test for your Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant certificate.

Program Benefits

- Receive free training and testing support
- Save Air Force Tuition Assistance funds
- AFCOOL can be used to cover exam fees
- Receive 2AP Special Experience Identifier (SEI)
- May be eligible for up to 30 semester hours of transfer credit towards your CCAF degree

Who is Eligible?

Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve technicians in most 2A AFSCs (some exceptions apply) with a 5-skill level or higher. To get started on your A&P, email ccaf.faa@us.af.mil to enroll or ask questions!

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Important Reminders for Students:

- **Transcript Requests:** All requests should now be funneled through the Air University Registrar webpage, using the **Parchment** or **National Student Clearinghouse** digital credential service.
- **Air University Conferral Dates:** As of 1 March 2026, all conferral dates are standardized to the last duty of the month. Graduation requests after this date, will be dated to the next month's conferral date.

CCAF Graduate Lifecycle

1. **Verify Your Registration:** Enrollment in a CCAF degree program is automatic for most enlisted Airmen and Guardians. You are typically registered in the program tied to your Primary AFSC during the fourth week of BMT, but no later than graduation from Technical Training. CCAF students should use their Education Office as their primary point of contact for support related to academic advisement and their degree completion status.
2. **Review Your Degree Audit:** Access your degree audit through the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) or directly here: <https://aueems.cce.af.mil/sap/bc/ui2/flp/#ZDegreeRequirements-display?TileType='TrackDegree'> and click "Export to PDF". This document shows exactly which requirements you have already fulfilled through BMT and Technical Training and what you still need to complete. Credits awarded for attendance at CCAF-affiliated training is dynamic and calculated off multiple factors in accordance with AU policy and is subject to change.
3. **Transfer Previous College Credits:** If you attended a civilian college before joining, you must request that official transcripts be sent directly from that institution to the AU Registrar. The AU Registrar only accepts transcripts sent directly from the school; "Issued to Student" copies or faxes are not accepted. Make sure you follow up with your Education Office to submit a Student Action Request to add your transcripts to your student record!
4. **Complete General Education Requirements:** CCAF does not offer general education courses (like Math, English, or Humanities). To fulfill these, you can:
 - **Use the General Education Mobile (GEM) Program:** This program connects you with online courses from partner civilian schools specifically vetted to meet CCAF requirements.
 - **Take CLEP or DSST Exams:** These allow you to earn credit through testing at your local education center, often at no cost to you.
5. **Earn Your "Institutional Credit" (Residency):** To graduate, at least 25% of your degree (usually 15 semester hours) must be earned through CCAF-affiliated schools. This is typically satisfied by your Technical Training and Professional Military Education (PME) like Airman Leadership School.
6. **Upgrade Your Skill Level:** At the time of graduation, you must hold at least a Journeyman (5-skill level) in your program-applicable AFSC. Ensure you are working closely with your supervisor and Unit Training Manager (UTM) to complete your upgrade training.
7. **Submit Your "Intent to Graduate":** Once your degree audit shows that all 60 semester hours are complete and all transcripts have been processed, contact your local Education Office or CCAF Advisor. They will submit a formal nomination (Intent to Graduate) to CCAF on your behalf. Graduation is not automatic!

Examination Credit

CCAF accepts exams like CLEP, DSST, ECE, AP, and DLPT, applying a maximum of 30 semester hours towards a single CCAF degree. CLEP and DSST exams scores are automatically reported to the AU Registrar when taken as a DAF member. However, retakes and exams paid out of pocket are not reported and the student **MUST** request their score transcript be sent to the AU Registrar through either College Board for CLEPs or Prometric for DSSTs.

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**IMPORTANT SERVICE UPDATE
FROM
AIR UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

The Air University Registrar's Office is implementing a new Call Center and Field Assistance Service (FAS) platform to support general and transcript inquiries.

This system is being introduced to enhance customer service by ensuring every service request is properly logged, tracked, and routed to the appropriate Registrar personnel for resolution. As part of this transition, the office will move away from managing requests solely through email organization boxes to provide greater visibility, accountability, and efficiency in processing inquiries.

Transition Timeline:

- Wednesday, March 18, 2026: Phase-in of the FAS platform begins
- Friday, April 3, 2026: Full transition complete. After this date, inquiries must be routed through the FAS system to ensure proper tracking and resolution.

Submitting a FAS Service Request Ticket

Users may submit a service request using one of the following methods:

Web

1. Visit: <https://midtier.gunter.af.mil/arsys/shared/login.jsp>
2. Select "Submit a FAS Request – No Log In Needed / Contact Us."
3. Complete the required contact information.

Phone (Available 24/7)

Call one of the following numbers:

- Toll-Free: 1-800-262-9140
- Toll Free: 1-877-596-5771
- DSN: 312-596-5771
- Commercial: 334-416-5771

Follow the prompts: Press 1 → 2 → 4

Email

Send a detailed description of the issue to:

fas.team2@us.af.mil

Required Information

To ensure prompt assistance, include the following information with your service request:

- Brief description of the issue
- Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
- Service (Civilian, Sister Service member)
- Rank / Grade
- Contact Email
- DSN and Commercial Phone Numbers

Processing Information

The FAS team will document your request and route the ticket to the appropriate Registrar personnel. Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation email with your service request details.

Providing complete and accurate information will help our team resolve your request as efficiently as possible. We appreciate your partnership during this transition to a more responsive service model.

Respectfully,

Air University Registrar's Office

Submitting a FAS Ticket

- 1) Navigate to the FAS homepage and select "Submit a FAS Ticket No Log in Needed". The FAS team will open tickets for members who choose to call or email.
- 2) Provide all required contact information.
- 3) Under "Affected System", select "AU (Air University)". Under "Sub System", select "Registrar (Admissions, Transcripts, Updates, etc.)" for transcript inquiries or "SLcM" for CCAF action which includes Wounded Warriors and Separated members.

For all other AU Registrar inquiries (to include Admissions, Diploma Reprints), please continue using Service-Now until the migration into the FAS platform is complete.