

BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER  
ON  
GENERAL EDUCATION MOBILE PROGRAM

#### PURPOSE

The General Education Mobile (GEM) program links Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Associate in Applied Science (AAS) students to online regionally accredited civilian academic institutions that offer courses to fulfill the CCAF AAS general education degree requirements.

#### DISCUSSION

- GEM was launched in March 2009 as a partnership between CCAF and regionally accredited academic institutions to offer online courses to satisfy CCAF's general education requirements in five disciplines (oral communication, written communication, mathematics, social science and humanities)
- GEM key features
  - College/University online courses preapproved by CCAF
  - Reduced CCAF AAS degree completion time, impact of PCSs, deployments, and family commitments
- The Air Force Virtual Education Center is the gateway for participation offering:
  - GEM school search
  - Links to GEM partner schools' web pages and preapproved GEM course list
- GEM Recent Successes (1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017)
  - Increase of 15 partner schools and 302 GEM courses
  - Increase of 19,617 GEM students who completed 22,635 GEM courses
- GEM Cumulative Successes (March 2009 – December 2017)
  - 73,263 GEM students completed 86,063 GEM approved courses

#### CONCLUSION

The GEM program offers Airmen a viable and valuable option to complete the CCAF AAS degree general education requirements online, minimizing the educational impact on military and family life.

## General Education Mobile Partner Schools

Alamo Community College District	Fisher College	Pierce College
American Intercontinental University	Florida State College at Jacksonville	Pikes Peak Community College
American Military University	Georgia Military College	Pima County Community College
Angelo State University	Georgia State University	Post University
Anne Arundel Community College	Granite State College	Regent University
Argosy University	Gulf Coast State College	Regis University
Armstrong State University	Harrisburg Area Community College	Rio Salado College
Ashford University	Johnson & Wales University	Rowan College at Burlington County
Auburn University Montgomery	Kaplan University	Sinclair Community College
Bismarck State College	Klamath Community College	Southeast Missouri State University
Brandman University	Lamar University	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Broward College	Lewis University	Southern New Hampshire University
Butler Community College	Lone Star College	Southwestern College
Central Texas College	Louisiana Tech University	State Fair Community College
Cerro Coso Community College	Maysville Community And Technical College	Strayer University
Charter Oak State College	Miami Dade College	SUNY – Empire State University
Clark State Community College	Missouri Western State University	Thomas Edison State University
Clayton State University	Moraine Park Technical College	Thomas University
Clovis Community College	National American University	Touro University Worldwide
Coastline Community College	National University	Trident University International
Colorado State University-Global Campus	New England College	Troy University
Colorado Technical University	Niagara County Community College	University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Columbia College	Niagara University	University of Maryland University College
Community College of Aurora	Nicholls State University	University of Phoenix
Dakota College at Bottineau	Northcentral Technical College	University of West Florida
Dallas Colleges Online	Northern Arizona University	University of Wisconsin Colleges
Duquesne University	Northwest Florida State College	Valdosta State University
Eastern Florida State College	Northwest University	Waldorf College
ECPI University	Northwestern State University	Western Michigan University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Northwood University	Western Technical College
Excelsior College	Park University	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College
Fayetteville Technical Community College		