

FA 30 Qualification Course Credits

Seeking advanced education is a sure way to add credibility to your military service, your profession and your post-military career; however, in these days of frugality and doing without, the option of spending time and money on getting a master's degree—even with tuition assistance—can seem out of reach for the average servicemember.

Though the prospect of getting an advanced degree may appear unlikely, there is a new opportunity available for Functional Area 30 officers.

In collaboration among the U.S. Army Information Proponent Office; 124th Regiment, Vermont National Guard; and Norwich University, graduates of the U.S. Army's FA 30 Qualification Course may now apply credits from the course to a master's degree.

All FA 30 QC graduates since 2007 have the option to apply 12 credits to a Master of Science in Public Administration from Norwich University.

Any graduates of the Distance Learning or Resident FA 30 QC since 2007 are eligible, along with current instructors of the FA 30 QC and multi-service graduates.

The MPA program at Norwich can be completed from anywhere, even in deployed locations, as long as a high-speed Internet connection is available.

Interested candidates must apply to the university and, once accepted, will attend Norwich of their own volition, without military orders.

As with most college and university programs, applying for tuition assistance funds are the complete responsibility of the individual student.

The MPA program consists of six seminars; the 12 hours of FA 30 QC credit allows students to skip seminars four and five and proceed to the final capstone work in seminar six.

Seminar six work must be completed before a required one-week residency at the Norwich University campus in Northfield, Vermont.

For more information about the MPA program and applying FA 30 QC credits, go to the Norwich University website at norwich.edu or phone admissions at 1-800-460-5597, extension 3356.

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