General Education Credit at YSU

History of military credit at YSU

- Prior to the 9/11/01 - *"Vet Credit"* - typically consisted of a health and physical education course.
- When the Joint Service Transcript (JST) emerged – YSU began posting everything on the JST to the YSU Transcript
- Since 2014 – JST credit is being reviewed and equated to YSU courses where applicable (only these courses are posted to the YSU transcript). Also, *Deployment Credit* in the form of a 5000 level Geography course was approved in 2014 by the Geography Department (GEOG).

Background

- Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Committee formed in 2014 to look at Military Credit and other types of prior learning
- A "military credit" subcommittee recommended 6 credits of General Education in the "Social and Personal Awareness" category for all students that have completed military basic training (all branches)
- The YSU General Education Committee approved the recommendation and the practice was adopted in 2015.
- Job skill training is continually being assessed at YSU, and added to a table of approved military equates listing.

Process

- Once a student veteran is accepted at YSU, The Office of Veterans Affairs collects their **DD Form 214** and **JST** then adds the six credits of military "SPA" course work to their transcript.
- If the service member has a deployment of 90 days outside of the US, a PLA form is submitted to the Office of Degree Audit to award the Deployment **GEOG** credit.
- The JST is then reviewed by the Office of Veterans Affairs to see if any job skill training has an approved equate.
- If an approved equate already exists, the Office of Veterans Affairs will add the credit to the students record. If there is job skill training that is closely related to a current course offering at YSU, but has not been approved, the JST is sent to the appropriate department for an assessment.
- Once approved, the credit is added to the student's record and the equated course is added to our approved equate listing for future use.
- UAchieve and Transferology are updated by the Department of Degree Audit to reflect approved equates.