

# College Credit for Heroes

This Act requires the state workforce commission to establish a program to develop and support ways by which institutions of higher education can award academic or workforce education credit to members of the military and veterans for education and training they receive in the military.

Submitted as:

Texas

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Status: Enacted into law in 2011.

## Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1           Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act shall be cited as “The College Credit for Heroes Act.”

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3           Section 2. [*College Credit for Heroes Program.*]

4           (a) In this section, “institution of higher education” has the meaning assigned by [insert  
5 citation].

6           (b) The [state workforce commission] shall establish and administer a College Credit for  
7 Heroes demonstration program to identify, develop, and support methods to maximize academic or  
8 workforce education credit awarded by institutions of higher education in this state to veterans and  
9 military service members for military experience, education, and training obtained during military  
10 service in order to expedite the entry of veterans and military service members into the workforce.

11           (c) The [state workforce commission] shall work cooperatively with other state agencies,  
12 including the [higher education coordinating board], public junior colleges, and other institutions of  
13 higher education, to accomplish the purposes of this section.

14           (d) The [state workforce commission] may award grants to state, local, or private entities that  
15 perform activities related to the purposes of this section.

16           (e) The [state workforce commission] shall administer the program using money previously  
17 appropriated to it or received from federal or other sources.

18           (f) The [state workforce commission] may adopt rules as necessary for the administration of  
19 this section.

20           (g) Not later than [insert date], the [state workforce commission], after consultation with the  
21 [higher education coordinating board], shall report to the [legislature] and the [governor]:

22                   (1) the results of any grants awarded under this section;

23                   (2) best practices for veterans and military service members to achieve maximum  
24 academic or workforce education credit at institutions of higher education for military experience,  
25 education, and training obtained during military service;

26                   (3) measures needed to facilitate the award of academic or workforce education credit  
27 by institutions of higher education for military experience, education, and training obtained during  
28 military service; and

29                   (4) other related measures needed to facilitate the entry of trained, qualified veterans  
30 and military service members into the workforce.

31           (h) This section expires [insert date].

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33           Section 3. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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Section 4. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]