

MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT AGREEMENT

This form should be completed by the student veteran based on recommendations of the Veteran Services Center academic advisor (indicated by signature), and then forwarded for approval to the office of Undergraduate Admissions.

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

UTRGV ID: _____ Select Application Term: Fall / Spring / Summer I or II Year: _____

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley awards four hours of Kinesiology credit for the core curriculum and up to 12 credit hours for general electives.

I have read and understand the ramifications of selecting to accept the credit mandated by the legislation as explained on the back of this form. I have visited with an academic advisor to discuss the effects of this credit on my degree program and fully understand the ramifications of excessive degree credit, as mentioned on the reverse side of this form.

I also understand that I may select the amount of elective credit hours (3, 6, 9, or 12) only once in my academic career and that this selection is irrevocable. In deciding whether to claim this credit, I have considered the impact of the credit on my eligibility for a **tuition rebate**; the possibility that I will be charged additional tuition if I have **excess credit**; and the possibility that I will be ineligible for **Texas B-On-Time loan forgiveness** if I have excess credit.

Kinesiology Credit: 4 hrs.
Amount of Elective Credit (select one): 2 hrs. 3 hrs. 6 hrs. 9 hrs. 12 hrs.
Other Scores need review: CLEP

I have read all applicable sections of this form and understand my responsibility concerning the new law, HB 269.

Student (signature):

Print Name

Date

Advisor (signature):

Print Name

Date

The following description of the Military Service Credit policy should be read carefully. Be sure you understand the terms of this agreement and agree with all of the stipulations before signing this form:

The Military Service Credit option is available to Veterans who have met the following requirements:

- Graduated from a public or private high school, accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization or from a high school operated by the United States Department of Defense.
- Honorably discharged former member of the armed forces of the United States
- Completed a minimum of two years of service in the armed services or was discharged because of a disability.

In deciding whether to claim this credit, students should consider the impact of the credit on their eligibility for a tuition rebate; the possibility that they will be charged additional tuition if they have excess credit; and the possibility that they will be ineligible for Texas B-On-Time loan forgiveness if they have excess credit. To have the credit awarded, students must provide proof of eligibility (i.e., DD214 or disability discharge documentation, and military transcripts). Once processed (and approved), the appropriate amount of elective credit will be added to the student's official academic record; effective the date of approval.

Please note: this process (including the awarding of credit) is irrevocable. Therefore, careful consideration should be given to the total effect of the additional course credit to degree progress and other institutional rules.

Credit earned under this policy (or legislative mandate) does not prohibit UTRGV from awarding additional military educational experience credit based on American Council of Education (ACE) Guide recommendations.

HB 269 (THECB interpretation; effective June 19, 2009)

COURSE CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE AND STANDARD FEE FOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS COURSES

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Summary: (HB 269 has two distinct sections; this summary pertains to Section 1)

Section 1 instructs institutions of higher education to award undergraduate students admitted to the institution and persons called into military service who are being readmitted to the institution, course credit for all physical education courses required for the person's degree and additional course credit for up to 12 hours for courses that can meet the elective course requirements for the degree.

To qualify, the student must have graduated from an accredited high school or a high school operated by the U.S. Department of Defense and be an honorably discharged former member of the U.S. Armed Forces who either completed at least two years of service or was discharged because of a disability. The provisions apply regardless of whether the student was admitted prior to the effective date of the bill.