

**SERVICEMEMBER'S OPPORTUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM\***  
**(EXTERNAL DEGREE)**

In recognition for their service to our country, Mercer County Community College offers all active duty members of the United States Armed Forces and members of the Reserve or National Guard the opportunity to earn external associate degrees or certifications from the college under the following provisions:

1. Establishment of degree (or certificate) contract between the servicemember and the college;
2. Completion of all degree requirements within a period not to exceed ten (10) years, including all revised requirements which may be instituted during the contract period;
3. Completion of at least fifteen (15) credits of course work at an accredited post-secondary institution(s);
4. Adherences to all applicable college policies and procedures;
5. Payment of all appropriate college fees including a special residency fee;
6. Transcripts of external degree graduates will bear the following special notation in place of letter grades, quality points, and cumulative average: "Earned External Degree through the Servicemember's Opportunity Program";
7. The college reserves the right to terminate or revise a contract with a student who requests a change of curriculum or who leaves active duty during a contract period.

\*Effective July 30, 1984.

Approved:

Board of Trustees  
April 19, 1984

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