



eArmyU: Education enabler for an agile, versatile, adaptive force

Unprecedented Access

In 2001, the Army launched one of the most innovative e-learning programs in the world—eArmyU. This educational initiative offers regular active duty and Active Guard Reserve (AGR) enlisted soldiers the opportunity to achieve a college degree or certificate anytime, anywhere, across the Army enterprise.

The program builds today's and tomorrow's Objective Force by offering unprecedented academic access, choice and flexibility in an online learning environment. eArmyU successfully reaches a new generation of soldier-students and helps them achieve their academic goals.



eArmyU revolutionizes Army education through state-of-the-art virtual learning that provides active duty enlisted soldiers easy access to 138 online certificate and degree programs offered by 25 regionally accredited colleges and universities. Through eArmyU, soldiers can earn a postsecondary certificate or an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree from a home institution while taking courses from multiple eArmyU education partners. Credits transfer across institutions, enabling soldiers to quickly and conveniently progress with their educational goals as they transition from post to post. Soldiers receive up to \$250 per semester hour or 100 percent tuition assistance, whichever is less, with an annual ceiling of \$4,500.



eArmyU:

- develops educated, technology-savvy soldiers who can succeed in the network-centric missions and battlefields of the 21st century;
- integrates educational opportunity with troop readiness, strengthening the Army's commitment to an agile, versatile and adaptive force;
- serves as a retention tool by empowering a new population of soldiers to reach their educational goals.

Through [eArmyU], the Army is 'getting its arms around the future.' This transformation may be quieter than building the combat vehicle of the future, but is apt to be just as revolutionary.
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Leveraging Technology

At the heart of the program is the world's largest online education portal—eArmyU.com. This portal allows soldiers to research degrees, apply for admission, submit assignments, communicate with classmates, and assess their progress from one integrated site. Web-based courses can be completed at any time and from any location, allowing soldiers to study at times that are most convenient to them—wherever they are stationed. This flexibility helps soldiers to continue their studies even as their responsibilities, schedules and locations change. eArmyU provides soldier-students with a technology package that includes:

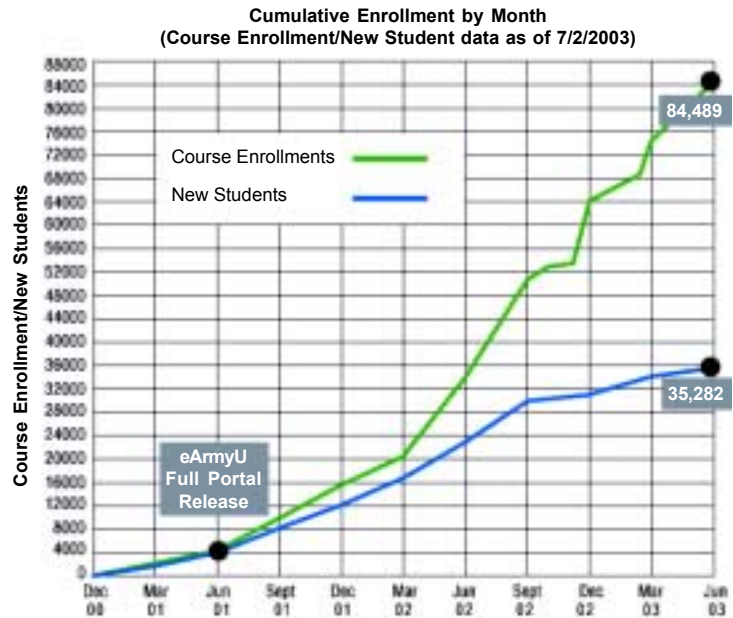
- laptop computer;
- Internet service provider (ISP) account;
- eArmyU "Boot Camp" tutorial;
- e-mail account;
- 24x7 helpdesk support.



Army-wide Scalability

An integral design feature of eArmyU is Army-wide scalability, and efforts to ensure an enterprise-wide potential for the program have proven to be operationally successful. More than 35,000 soldiers have become eArmyU soldier-students since the program began.

The portal supported three eArmyU sites in 2001 and has expanded to support 14 locations in only two years. eArmyU is on a path to Army-wide implementation, and the portal is well-equipped to handle an increased volume of students and schools. More than 7,400 soldiers have permanently changed duty stations from their original enrollment installations and are now participating in eArmyU from locations worldwide, to include 46 countries, four U.S. territories and 50 states. Based on availability of funding for Army-wide implementation, the number of eArmyU students is expected to reach 80,000 by fiscal year 2005.



Supporting the Objective Force

eArmyU yields concrete, measurable benefits to the force in the critical area of readiness. The program streamlines existing Army education systems and advances Army distance learning to support a global, customer-focused education platform. The impact of eArmyU is felt across the Objective Force as the program educates soldiers who are better prepared for the demanding battlefields of the future and for operations other than war.

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At the cutting edge of soldier/leader development