Awarding Credit for Military Service

In accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 51.3042; eligible former members of the armed forces admitted to UTEP as an undergraduate or readmitted as an undergraduate (after having withdrawn to perform military service) will be given course credit for all physical education courses the institution requires for an undergraduate degree and for additional semester credit hours, not to exceed 12, to satisfy any elective course requirements for the student's degree program for courses outside the student's major or minor.

The University of Texas at El Paso does not have any degree programs that require physical education courses and so will not award any physical education credit under Texas Education Code, Section 51.3042. Incoming students who meet the requirements will, however, be eligible to receive up to 12 semester hours of credit for elective coursework that will be applied toward their degree.

To be eligible, a veteran must have graduated from an accredited public or private high school or a high school operated by the US Department of Defense, and be honorably discharged from the US armed forces after completing at least two years of service or discharged because of disability.

To have the credit awarded, Military students must provide their Joint Services Transcript for evaluation of Credits to the Admissions Office. They will then look at the ACE (American Council on Education) recommendations and grant the appropriate credit. If students are wanting direct equivalencies, the student or our office will provide the course/occupation description from ACE to the appropriate departments for further review.