



CAEL To Help Military Spouses Earn Their Degree

CAEL'S LearningCounts.org Now Available for Military Spouses

CHICAGO, IL, USA, May 6, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program (SECO) has contracted with the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning ([CAEL](#)) to give military spouses the opportunity to earn undergraduate college credit for college-level learning gained from volunteer and community service, work experience, training programs and independent study, CAEL CEO and President Pamela Tate announced today. Through this effort military spouses will have access to CAEL's [LearningCounts™](#) Prior Learning Assessment program which teaches people to find practical ways to earn college credit for learning acquired outside the classroom saving them both time and money as they work towards their college degree.

When asked about the partnership Tate said, "We are thrilled that the Department of Defense SECO program has chosen to make LearningCounts.org available to military spouses. Military spouses face additional challenges while working to complete their degrees given the complexities associated with military life, such as service member deployments and frequent relocations. LearningCounts.org can help them get college credit not only for what they have learned on the job, but for skills and knowledge they may have gained through volunteer activities and other experiences related to military life."

Through the LearningCounts.org program, military spouses can choose from an instructor-led or do-it-yourself online course where they will learn to identify and demonstrate college-level learning gained outside of the classroom. Using the knowledge from the course, students develop a Learning Portfolio that relates that life and work experience to college courses. Eligible spouses will be able to complete the course and Learning Portfolio at no charge.

For more information visit <http://seco.learningcounts.org/>

LearningCounts.org works best for those who are strong writers or have taken a basic college-level writing course and have completed at least one other online course. Applicants should also have good computer skills and feel comfortable taking an online course. Finally, applicants should have several years of work, volunteer and/or other life experience in one or more areas that align with college coursework – for example: communications, management, information technology, marketing, healthcare, or merchandising.

LearningCounts.org college credit recommendations are certified by the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS). Over 1,500 colleges and universities have indicated a willingness to grant college credit based on NCCRS credit recommendations and in accordance with their own transfer policies. For a complete listing of the NCCRS cooperating colleges and universities, visit the NCCRS website at <http://www.nationalccrs.org/>.

LearningCounts has a network of over 100 affiliated colleges and universities who have agreed to directly accept LearningCounts credits. To see the full list of LearningCounts Affiliated Colleges and Universities, visit the LearningCounts for SECO website at <http://seco.learningcounts.org/affiliated-universities/>

The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization based in Chicago, Illinois that assists adults with their educational endeavors, finding practical ways to transfer learning from prior professional and life experiences that occur outside the classroom to college course credit and the completion of a postsecondary degree. CAEL works with the public sector, private sector industries and higher education institutions to ensure that adult students receive the most efficient training and education to occupy a meaningful professional place in a 21st century economy. Since 1974, CAEL has assisted colleges and universities in providing PLA. CAEL is the recognized national expert on a PLA method known as portfolio assessment, and its Ten Standards for Assessing Learning are used by colleges and universities, as well as accrediting organizations, across the country.

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