

Professional Military Education Guidance

All of the PME schools are highly competitive. Before selecting a preferred PME school, we recommend that participants check the schools' websites to learn more about each school's specific mission and curriculum. Although all PME schools emphasize a joint national security policy perspective and decision-making, the approach and emphasis varies by school. Participants are encouraged to discuss their PME options with their supervisor and mentor to determine the optimal fit.

A short profile of each school is provided:

Registrar's Office - 717-245-4166
U.S. Army War College
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Army War College is located in Carlisle Barracks, PA and offers a ten-month resident program that is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and award a Master of Strategic Studies. The Army War College accepts GS 14/15 or equivalent. Graduates of the Army War College possess the ability:

- To distinguish the unique strategic levels of leadership and apply competencies required of senior leaders.
- To use strategic thought processes to evaluate the national security challenges facing the nation in the 21st century.
- Evaluate the theory of war and strategy.
- To evaluate DoD, joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multi-national processes and relationships including contributions to the nation in peace and war.
- To evaluate the role of landpower in joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multi-national organizations.
- To synthesize theater strategies, estimate, and plan campaigns to employ military power.

Dean of Students – 401-841-6595
U.S. Naval War College
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Newport, RI 02841-1207
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Naval War College is located in Newport, RI and offers a 10-month resident program. It is accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges and awards a Master of Art degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. All DLAMP participants accepted for the Naval War College must start in August of the selected academic year.

In rare instances, the Naval War College will consider high potential GS 13s or equivalents by exception. Candidates at the GS 13 level should have knowledge and broad work experiences in national security and operational policy and decision-making. Candidates should also possess strong writing and oral communication skills, and the ability to think analytically from the joint perspective. A written request for a grade exception endorsed by the Component must be submitted with the PME nomination package. The request for an exception should describe the participant's leadership potential and the rationale for the exception. It is also helpful to include the organization's future plans to utilize the participant upon graduation. Graduates of the Naval War College possess the ability:

- To think strategically and apply the historical relevance to present day sea warfare in relation to the nation's political goals and military means that are required to achieve its goals.
- To think at the executive level in regards to economic, political and military factors of decision making in security area.
- To develop and execute national and military strategies into naval, joint and multinational operations emphasizing the operation and employment of sea services.

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Air War College

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Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

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Air War College is located in Montgomery, AL at Maxwell Air Force Base and offers a ten-month resident program. Air War College is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and awards a Master's of Strategic Studies. The Air War College accepts GS 14/15 or equivalents. Graduates of Air War College possess the ability:

- To evaluate current national military strategy in the context of historical and contemporary application of foundational principles of strategy and security policy.
- To develop critical analysis and creative thinking skills, self-awareness, cross-cultural communications and negotiation skills, and decision-making skills in a vulnerable, uncertain, complex and ambiguous environment.
- To evaluate the leadership characteristics and capabilities needed by strategic leaders for ethically leading in a joint, interagency and multinational environment.
- To evaluate the strategic implications of emerging war-fighting concepts (sister service, Global Strategic Operations, logistics, and Special Operations), planning and evaluation of future threats that are asymmetric to the US experience and expectations, and examination of one's efforts from an opposing perspective.
- To assess emerging friction points within and between joint and service operational concepts.
- To identify growing and emerging security concerns beyond the military capabilities of state and non state actors.

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The National Defense University
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The National Defense University is located at Ft. McNair, Washington, DC. NDU offers two senior-PME schools, National War College and the Eisenhower School. NDU is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. National War College awards Master of Science degree in National Security Policy. ES awards a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. NDU accepts GS 14/15 or equivalents.

National War College: Candidates for National War College will have an extensive background in national security policy and strategy. The National War College curriculum focus is grand strategy, the integration of all elements of national power that addresses national security policy, the theory and practice of war, the domestic and international contend of nations security strategy, contemporary military strategy, and joined combined warfare. Graduates of National War College possess the ability:

- To understand that the formulation of national security strategy and policy are implemented within international and domestic political processes and environments that is dynamic, changing and replete with competing interests.
- To set priorities among competing domestic and international interest and develop a process within strategic parameters designed to accomplish national objectives.
- To develop national security, military strategy and operations within the Armed Forces in a joint culture that fosters the teamwork essential for deterrence, joint fighting and multinational endeavors.
- To plan and implement joint campaigns and major operations that requires orchestration of air, land, sea, space and Special Forces to work effectively in a joint environment.

The Eisenhower School: Candidates for ES will have an extensive background in national strategy and resource management for national security. A background in acquisition helpful but is not required. ES serves as the course provider for the Senior Acquisition Course directed by the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act. The Senior Acquisition Course, an elective, is the highest-level acquisition course in the Department of Defense. Graduates of the Eisenhower School possess the ability:

- To understand and develop national security strategy with a joint perspective that affects national and international interests.
- To evaluate, marshal and manage resources in the execution of national security strategy policy.
- To think strategically in areas of national security and resource management of public and private industries critical to meeting national security needs.