

Military/Armed Forces Training/Experience

- **How will I know if the student's Joint Services Transcript (JST) has been received?**
 1. Log in to Banner.
 2. Go to SOAPCOL and click on RETRIEVE at the top of the screen.
 3. Log into the imaging system, BDMS, to review the scanned transcripts.
 - Veterans who are using Veteran Benefits will already have credits transferred in from their JST and from any other accredited colleges/universities. [Veteran Affairs (VA) will only pay for courses for which the student has not yet earned credit, so all transcripts, including the JST, should be evaluated before the student begins taking classes at Collin College].

- **How will I know if the student's JST has already been evaluated and applied to their Collin College transcript?**
 1. Log in to CougarWeb.
 2. On the main page, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click CougarCompass.
 3. Type in the student's CWID.
 4. Request an audit for the student's intended program (degree type, program, and catalog year) if not already declared.
 5. Run the audit.
 - Courses earned from military/armed forces training/experience do not have a letter grade. To identify these courses, check the audit for courses with grades of CR for credit.
 - NOTE: There are other types of PLA that assign CR as the grade.

- **If other types of PLA have CR as the grade, how can I tell which ones are from the military/armed forces?**
 - To better identify credits awarded under JST, check under *Courses not used in degree program*. These credits are often transferred in as ELCR 0000 (Transfer Elective/Elective No Match). Additionally, the original titles of the courses are usually topics related to the student's military training.