

Colorado Tech Online Welcomes CCU to its Education Partner Program

Colorado Technical University Online (Colorado Tech Online) is pleased to welcome California Coast University to the Education Partner Program.

Colorado Tech Online has established a grant in the name of its Education Partners in order to assist eligible students with the opportunity to attend a degree program of study at Colorado Technical University. This Education Partner Grant qualifies students for a 5% discount on tuition costs and military students can qualify for a 10% discount! Students will also have the \$50 application fee waived.



The mission of Colorado Technical University, an institution of higher learning, is to provide career-oriented education by teaching applied real-world, industry current programs in selected areas, serving the needs of students for employment and career advancement and the needs of industry for highly qualified professionals at the associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctorate levels.

To be eligible for the Education Partner Grant and waived application fee, a student must be accepted for admission by the University. All grants are applied as a credit to the student's account.

For more information, please visit www.ctuonline.edu or to speak with an Account Manager-Education Partners, please contact:

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CCU is designated as an open national testing center for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP®) and the DANTES Single Subject Test (DSST). There are around 2,900 colleges that grant credit and/or advanced standing for CLEP® and DSST exams. CLEP®, Pearson VUE and DSST exams are computer adaptive. These exams provide students of any age with the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement through a program of exams in undergraduate college courses.

Waters Named 2007 DoDEA Assistant Principal of the Year for Elementary and Middle Level

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – Dr. Thomas R.E. Waters, of Ramstein Middle School in Ramstein, Germany, has been selected as the 2007 Department of Defense Education Activity's (DoDEA's) Assistant Principal of the Year for Elementary and Middle Level.

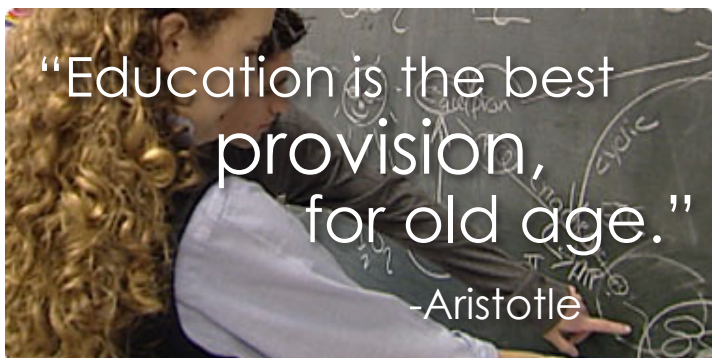
The DoDEA Assistant Principal of the Year for Elementary and Middle Level is awarded annually to recognize exemplary elementary and middle school assistant principals who set the pace, character, and quality of the education children receive during

their early school years. The award program's criteria includes examining how principals: assure all students are meaningfully engaged in active learning; connect professional development to school learning goals; use data as tools to identify barriers to success, design strategies for improvement and plan daily instruction; encourage parental involvement in the school and their child's individual learning; and participate in community service and professional activities as well as their awards and honors



Waters began his career with DoDEA in 1998 as a teacher at Ansbach Middle and High School in Germany. In 2001 he went on to become the Assistant Principal in Ramstein High School and in 2006 he became the Assistant Principal at Ramstein Middle School. Prior to his career with DoDEA, Waters was the Director of Education at ITT Technical Institute in Burr Ridge, Ill., and a Professor of Aerospace Studies at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He received his Bachelor of Science from the Illinois Institute of Technology, his Masters of Education from Mississippi State University, and his Doctorate Degree in Education from California Coast University.

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A complete listing of available CLEP® exams can be found on the Collegeboard website at www.collegeboard/clep. A complete listing of available DSST exams can be found on the Thompson Prometric website at www.getcollegedcredit.com.

CCU is pleased to partner with Pearson VUE, a company whose breakthrough technology and passion for service will allow us to provide even greater service for our students.

Among the technological advances of the Pearson VUE System is the ability of test candidates to register and reschedule their tests at the test center, on the Person VUE website or through a Person VUE call center, all in real time via the Internet. For more information please refer to www.PearsonVue.com.

CCU has also been authorized to administer Prometric testing. Prometric is a leading provider of testing services for academia, corporations, professional associations, and government institutions. These examinations enable individuals to obtain professional certification and licensing in a variety of fields. For more details on Prometric services please refer to their website at www.Prometric.com

The Test Center is located at the Administrative Offices of CCU. Pearson VUE Exams are given at the Testing Center by appointment only. For more information please visit the Testing Center website at www.calcoast.edu/testcenter or email the testing coordinator at registrar@calcoast.edu.

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Waters' educational philosophy is grounded in a belief that all students can learn and they learn at their own pace. Waters feels it is critical to provide a quality education to all students.

"I strongly believe in taking every opportunity to assist my school on a journey of educational expertise for our students," said Waters. "These opportunities help us to align everything we do to achieve the goals and mission of Ramstein Middle School which is to create a positive educational experience for every student with a focus on student achievement."

Maria Buchwald, Principal of Ramstein Middle School, praised Waters for his influence on students and teachers. "What sets Dr. Waters apart from other administrators is his ability to make a positive impact in the learning environment by empowering students and teachers to make wise choices."

John C. Bohannon, the 435th Air Base Wing Schools Liaison Officer echoed Buchwald's sentiments about Waters. "One key to Tom's success is his approach to dealing with others," said Bohannon. "His manner is calming and provocative simultaneously, and his sincerity engenders trust almost immediately. There is never any doubt that his primary concern is the welfare of 'his kids.'" Waters follows last year's honoree, Mike McClain of Bechtel Elementary School, in Okinawa, Japan. DoDEA will recognize Dr. Waters for his achievements later this year.

DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates, and manages the education programs for Department of Defense (DoD) dependents who would otherwise not have access to a high-quality public education. DoDEA consists of the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) located overseas, and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) located in the United States and its territories and possessions. DoDEA provides education to eligible DoD military and civilian dependents from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

What Does Accreditation Mean to You, the Student?

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If someone asked you if the institution you are taking a distance study course from is accredited what would you say? What does accreditation mean to you as a student?

Accreditation is a process that gives public recognition to institutions that meet certain standards. It is a promise that an institution will provide the quality of education it claims to offer. Accreditation assures the student that the institution operates on a sound financial basis, has an approved program of study, qualified instructors, adequate facilities and equipment, and approved recruitment and admissions policies.

There are two basic types of accreditation—institutional and specialized. Institutional accreditation is granted by the regional and national accrediting agencies, which collectively serve most of the institutions chartered or licensed in the United States. These agencies only accredit total operating units. Specialized accreditation of professional or occupational institutions and programs is granted by national professional organizations in such fields as journalism, health sciences, engineering and law. Each group has its criteria for accreditation, however all have undertaken accreditation activities primarily to provide quality assurance concerning the educational preparation of members of the profession or occupation. Many specialized accrediting bodies will consider requests for accreditation reviews only from programs affiliated with institutions holding comprehensive accreditation.

There are two separate entities in the United States that recognized accrediting agencies. The U.S. Department of Education (governmental) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (non-governmental). DETC is proud to say that its Accrediting Commission has enjoyed the official recognition of the U.S.

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**"An investment in Knowledge
always pays the
best interest."**

-Benjamin Franklin

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Department of Education since 1959, and since 1975, DETC has been formally recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its predecessor organizations. For institutions accredited by the DETC's Accrediting Commission, the road to accreditation is not an easy one. It requires a lot of hard work and hours of preparation. Application for accreditation is voluntary. However, only bona fide distance study institutions with two years operating experience may apply.

Once application is made, the institution must write a Self-Evaluation Report (SER). This report includes the analysis of pertinent data on all aspects of the institution and its operation. A draft of the SER is sent to the Commission and a Readiness Visit is scheduled. Courses offered by the institution are submitted to the Commission, which in turn sends them to subject specialist experts for review. After the Readiness Visit, if the evaluator

deems that the institution is ready for a full on-site examination, an examining committee is assigned to visit the institution. The committee studies the entire operation of the institution and verifies the information in the Self-Evaluation Report. State Departments of Education, federal agencies, Better Business Bureaus, and other official bodies are surveyed to obtain pertinent information about the institution's overall reputation. A confidential survey of students selected at random also provides helpful information for the Accreditation Commission in making its decision.

After all reports and surveys are in, the nine-member Accreditation Commission reviews them in terms of the published standards and determines whether or not to accredit the institution. If an institution is accredited, it must conform to all educational and business standards of the DETC's Accrediting Commission, submit annual reports, and be re-examined every five years. The Commission may also call for special reports or examinations when changes at the institution make them necessary.

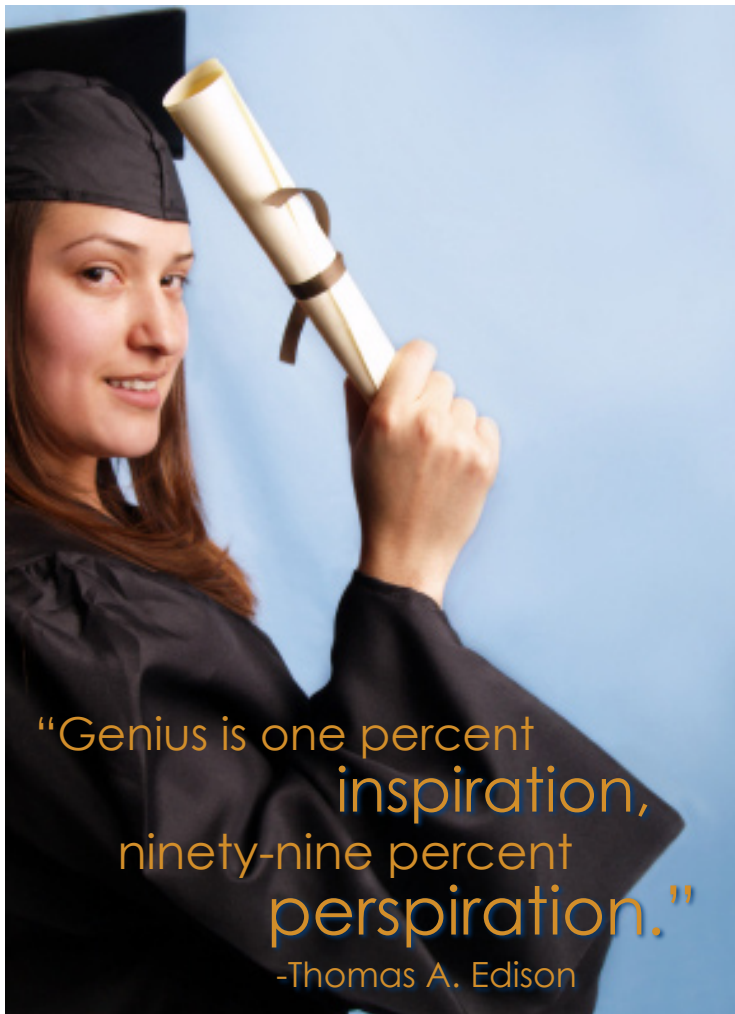
So, as you can see, when it comes to looking for a quality institution, accreditation is the student's best friend. It would be virtually impossible for anyone to duplicate or "second guess" the extensive investigation done by recognized accrediting agencies.

After all is said and done, an accredited institution is one that delivers on its promises to its students everyday.

If you would like more information about distance study accreditation or a free listing of accredited institutions, please write to the Distance Education and Training Council, 1601 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-2529, (Phone: 202-234-5100; Web site: www.detc.org; email: detc@detc.org.)

For more information, you may also contact: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, Accreditation and State Liaison Division, 1900 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 (Phone: 202-219-7011; Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/ope); and Council for Higher Education Accreditation, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20036 (Phone: 202-955-6126; Web site: www.chea.org.)

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**"Genius is one percent
inspiration,
ninety-nine percent
perspiration."**

-Thomas A. Edison

The Last Time You'll Ever Need to Read About Time Management

Source: National Institute of Environmental Health Services

Ever heard someone complain that he or she had too much time on their hands? Thought not. That's why so many thousands of words are written about time management each year. To read every book or article on the subject would leave you with no time for anything else. So Let's Talk editors have compiled a list of the most common time management tips. Here they are....the last words you'll ever need to read on the topic.

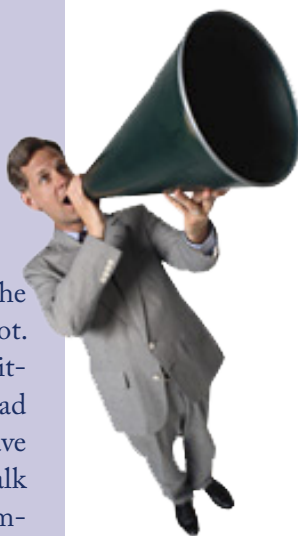
Make "To Do" lists. Good time managers make "To Do" lists a regular part of their lives. Keeping a list on paper works best because it's easy and portable. Some people also use time/project management software on their computers or handheld data organizers or they save messages for themselves on any of the new pocket-sized recorders.

Get organized. Locating lost tools or misplaced pieces of information to finish a project can take up precious time. To use time more wisely, organize your life and keep it that way. A number of books on organization skills are available. Keep in mind that actualizing one tip can save dozens of hours or more a year.

Be assertive. If you have too much to do, say so. If you could use someone else's help, ask for it. If you're asked to do something you don't have time for, speak up. Assertiveness is about honesty, and good time managers are honest with themselves and others.

Prioritize. Good time managers develop a way to determine which things on their plate have priority. Try using a rating system next to each item on your "To Do" list

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Attention all Students and Alumni:

The California Coast University Alumni Association is a non-profit organization with membership available to all students and graduates of CCU. If you are not yet a member now is the time to join!

Members are the first to be notified of any significant changes, improvements or expansions of the University and its degree programs. Members also receive a copy of Coastline, the Alumni Association's Newsletter! CCU encourages all Alumni Association members to provide information about themselves and their accomplishments for possible inclusion in the upcoming editions of Coastline!

All donations and annual membership dues of only \$35.00 are tax deductible. The Alumni Association also offers a Life Membership for a donation of \$1,000. All contributions are greatly appreciated and are used toward improving all aspects of the University.

Please click on the following link to join the Alumni Association alumni@calcoast.edu or click on www.calcoast.edu/edonation.php to make a tax-deductible donation to the Alumni Association at California Coast University.

Course Study Guides Now Available Through Email!



In the interest of becoming more 'Environmentally friendly' California Coast University has recently introduced the option of receiving course Study Guides by email as a Portable Document Format (PDF). This new delivery method will help eliminate the waiting period inherent to distance education programs and allow students to begin coursework with minimal delay.

If you are currently enrolled and wish to take advantage of this offer please contact Student Services directly at the following email address: student_services@calcoast.edu

We sincerely hope that you join us in our efforts to reduce the impact on our environment and request your Study Guides be emailed to you today!

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five stars for the most important projects, one star for the least important. And as you enter items on your list, write down when they should be finished.

Handle each piece of paper only once. This tip appears again and again because so much time is wasted shuffling papers from one pile to the next. There are four things you can do with each piece of paper you receive act on it, file it, give it to someone else or throw it away. Decide which is best for each piece of paper you receive, keeping in mind that 95% of papers filed for more than one year are never used again.

Don't panic. At times when you have too much to do and too little time, don't panic. This only wastes precious time. Instead, take a deep breath and use any of these time management tips to help you focus your attention on what needs to happen.

Eliminate distractions. Good time managers create the environment they need to get the job done. If you need your calls held or if you need to work in an area free from interruption, do it. A few hours of uninterrupted work each day could go far in solving your time management problems.

Make time for the most important things. Ever heard the saying that no tombstone has ever read, "Wish I'd stayed late at the office more often"? Good time managers get the job done, but they also know when and how to make time for their families and themselves. Making time for yourself, your family and the things you enjoy lowers stress, reenergizes you and helps you tackle your workload.



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