**Associate in Applied Science Degree**

The associate in applied science degree is offered in the following broad career areas:

- Aircraft and Missile Maintenance
- Allied Health
- Electronics and Telecommunications
- Logistics and Resources
- Public and Support Services

**Degree Completion Requirements**

Degree programs consist of a minimum of 64 semester hours with requirements typically as follows:

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Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) to get contact information for your local education services office (ESO). These trained advisors are your liaison to the CCAF administrative center and will help you map out your GEM plan.

**Student Testimonials**

“Thanks to the GEM program, I was able to complete my degree while deployed without losing any credit. The online plan made it easy to register and track my progress. Thanks CCAF!”

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“It is a great program and it allowed me to finally complete the math course that held me up for so many years. Thanks to the GEM program, this October I will be receiving two CCAF degrees and I am so excited....”

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**GEM REGISTRATION IS FAST AND SIMPLE:**

1. Select your GEM institution on the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC).
2. Register online or call your local Education Center to discuss the best GEM course options for you. (Please indicate that you are a GEM student when you call.)

**Related Links**

- AF Portal………………..https://my.af.mil
- Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC)
- Enlisted Development Plan (MyEDP)
- CCAF…. www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/
- DANTES………….www.dantes.doded.mil
- Accreditation…www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation
What is GEM?

• GEM is an exciting partnership between CCAF and civilian academic institutions
• GEM offers general education courses to meet CCAF AAS degree requirements
• Courses are offered in mobile (distance) learning format: anytime, anywhere availability
• GEM reduces the CCAF educational impact of deployments, PCS, and family commitments

Why GEM?

• Average graduation time for CCAF students is >10 years; Gen-Ed courses are typically the last taken
• The goal is to reduce the average CCAF graduation time to less than 6 years
• Eases student course selection and registration via single-point access on the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC)
• Facilitates student planning across entire Gen-Ed curriculum—motivates student to complete courses on a self-paced timeline
• Program completion “contract” assures course availability and encourages timely student completion of the Gen-Ed curriculum
• Features partnerships with civilian academic institutions to offer education focused on freshman/sophomore level instruction at a lower per-credit tuition assistance cost

How Does GEM Work?

• GEM is delivered via the Air Force Portal or AFVEC
• GEM students can conveniently search for schools that meet their needs and preferences
• GEM features integrated search, registration, course enrollment, tuition assistance, and transcript ordering processes

Ideal Students for GEM

• Self-motivated
• Self-disciplined
• Independent learner
• Communicates well in writing
• Proactive and interactive with questions

Is “Online Learning” a good choice for me?

• I tend to start work on my own without supervision
• I set goals and complete them without encouragement
• I’m able to prioritize commitments and stick to them
• I read and comprehend well
• I express myself well in writing
• I have a home computer and access to the internet
• I am comfortable with various software applications and using the internet

If you answered “yes” then consider GEM now!