

Veterans denied credit for military work

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WASHINGTON - Veterans heading to college are finding the courses they took in the military and skills they learned are not translating into college credits. Sean Lunde enrolled at Boston University after four years as an Army medic with service in Kosovo, Germany and Iraq. "I went to medic school for 12 hours a day, six days a week, for four months," he told *The Boston Globe*. "None of that was accepted." Like Lunde, many vets feel they were misled by military recruiters and are not being treated fairly by university officials. They hoped to save both time and money by getting a credit boost. The American Council on Education tries to help both veterans and colleges by having civilian college teachers evaluate military courses. The group's surveys determined 14 percent of the country's colleges and universities give no credit for work done in the military, while 30 percent credit only actual courses, not occupational experience. Many veterans turn to institutions known to be sympathetic to their situation. The Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges includes 1,800 schools that offer more assistance to veterans.

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