

Fulfillment of Defense Acquisition University Courses through Completion of the Naval
Postgraduate School Academic Programs

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

PARA	SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM POLICY, DATED 23 JANUARY 2023
4.c	Removed the sentence "Each earned academic credit will count one-for-one as a CLP" from this sub-paragraph.
Encl	Added paragraph 2.



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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1. References.

a. Defense Acquisition University Interactive Catalog, <https://icatalog.dau.edu/>.

b. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), SFAE-ASC memorandum (Fulfillment of Defense Acquisition University Courses through Completion of the Naval Postgraduate School Academic Programs), 23 January 2023 – hereby superseded.

c. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), SFAE-ASC memorandum (Fiscal Year 2019 through 2023 – Equivalency or Fulfillment Credit for Defense Acquisition University Courses through Completion of the Naval Postgraduate School Master's Degree Programs), 06 October 2022.

d. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), SFAE memorandum (Army Acquisition Procedures for Implementing the Department of Defense Acquisition Career Management Mandatory Course Fulfillment Program), 31 January 2019.

2. Purpose. To outline the process for Functional Area 51 (FA51) officers to receive fulfillment credit for Defense Acquisition University (DAU) courses after successfully completing one of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Master's Degree programs, academic certificates, and/or courses, as listed in the enclosure to this memorandum.

3. Fulfillment Program.

a. The Army Director, Acquisition Career Management (DACM) Office is responsible for reviewing courses embedded in the NPS degree programs and academic certificates, and determining if they adequately cover education objectives and acquisition functional area training needed to attain Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification and/or DAU fulfillment.

b. Proponency Officers in the Army DACM Office serve as the verifying officials to validate that NPS degree programs, academic certificates, and courses, address corresponding DAU course learning objectives on an annual basis. These reviews are

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triggered by any changes to the DAU or NPS curricula. The verification process starts with NPS submitting a crosswalk to the Proponency Officer that shows how each of a DAU course's learning objectives maps to the corresponding NPS course. NPS also provides information on what references, textbooks, and other methods are used to teach the material, how the material is assessed, and any other projects that reinforce the learning objectives. The Proponency Officer meets with the NPS team, reviews the crosswalk, and validates if the information covers the required DAU learning objectives. Based on the results, the Proponency Officer may recommend fulfillment of the validated NPS course(s) to the DACM for approval.

4. Process to receive fulfillment credit for NPS coursework.

a. The Proponency Officer coordinates with NPS to obtain a list of all FA51 officers who complete the NPS program degrees, academic certificates, or courses shown in the enclosure. The Army DACM Office will grant fulfillment credit to those officers for the applicable DAU courses through the Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System (CAPPMIS). No action is required on the officer's part.

b. Once the fulfilled courses are reflected in the officer's Individual Development Plan (IDP) history record in CAPPMIS, FA51 officers may be eligible to apply for the appropriate Functional Area certification, as long as they have met all the non-training certification requirements that are in place at the time of certification request. Acquisition experience and certification exams are not covered under the fulfillment process – FA51 officers must successfully complete these requirements before requesting certification.

c. FA51 officers will not automatically receive Continuous Learning Points (CLPs) for DAU courses obtained through fulfillment. They may request CLPs from their supervisor for NPS coursework through their IDP in CAPPMIS.

5. Changes in DAWIA Certification Standards. In some cases, FA51 officers cannot immediately apply for certification after graduation from NPS because they lack the requisite years of acquisition experience. During this time when they are still accruing experience, the certification standards may change. If a new DAU course is added to the Program Management Practitioner or Contracting Professional level certification standards in FY23 or later, NPS graduates should either take the new course through DAU or request and receive fulfillment to receive completion credit.

6. For individual questions about this policy (such as inquiring on the status of a Fulfillment request), please submit a CAMP Help Desk ticket at <https://apps.asc.army.mil/camp/index.cfm?fuseaction=support.helpRequest>.

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7. For general questions about this policy, please contact the Army DACM Office Policy Mailbox at usarmy.belvoir.usaasc.mbx.dacm-policies@army.mil.



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ENCLOSURE

1. The below table applies to FA51 officers who (a) graduate from one of the Army DACM Office’s NPS program starting in Fiscal Year 2023 and later, and (b) are seeking Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification in Program Management (PM) at the Practitioner level or Contracting (CON) at the Professional level. The DACM Office has validated the following NPS degrees and academic certificates, and will grant fulfillment for all DAU courses required for PM Practitioner or CON Professional certification:

Degree or Academic Certificate	Training Fulfillment
MS in Systems Engineering Management (Degree 522/722)	PM Practitioner and CON Professional
MS in Systems Acquisition Management (Degree 816/836)	PM Practitioner and CON Professional
MS in Defense Contract Management (Degree 815/835)	PM Practitioner and CON Professional
Basic Contract Management Certificate (Certificate 237/238)	CON Professional
Advanced Acquisition Studies Certificate (Certificate 217/218)	PM Practitioner

2. In order to provide similar credit as the Army Acquisition Transition Course (AATC), the crosswalk below applies to FA51 officers who graduate from NPS. The DACM Office will honor only the course(s) covered in this crosswalk. If the officer completes the below NPS course(s) in the first column, they will receive fulfillment for the corresponding DAU course in the second column. The fulfillment is retroactive to the effective date in the third column. The DACM Office will stop granting fulfillment if/when the DAU course is no longer a valid course (e.g., course change). Fulfillment will be granted as described in paragraph 4.a. of this policy.

NPS Course	DAU Course	Effective Date
MN3318 (Operational Contract Support and Contingency Contracting)	CON 8300V (Joint Contingency Contracting Course)	04 April 2022