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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fulfillment of Warfighting Acquisition University Courses through Completion of the Naval Postgraduate School Academic Programs

1. References:

a. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), SFAE memorandum (Fulfillment of Defense Acquisition University Courses through Completion of the Naval Postgraduate School Academic Programs), 27 February 2024 – hereby superseded.

b. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), SFAE memorandum (Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Certification Policy for the Army Acquisition Workforce), 16 April 2026.

c. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), SFAE memorandum (Army Acquisition Workforce Course Fulfillment Program Policy and Procedures), 18 July 2024.

2. Purpose. This memorandum outlines the process for miliary and civilian Army Acquisition Workforce (AAW) professionals to receive fulfillment credit for Warfighting Acquisition University (WarU) courses after successfully completing one of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Master's Degree programs, academic certificates, and/or courses that are listed in the enclosure to this memorandum. It supersedes reference 1.a.

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 to determine if they adequately cover education objectives and Acquisition Functional Area (AFA) training needed to attain Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification and/or fulfillment.

b. The DACM Office's NPS Program Managers (PMs) serve as the verifying officials to validate that NPS degree programs, academic certificates, and courses address corresponding WarU course learning objectives. These reviews are triggered by any changes to the WarU or NPS curricula. The verification process starts with NPS submitting a crosswalk to the DACM Office that shows how the applicable WarU 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 NPS course's material, how the material is assessed, and any

other projects that reinforce the WarU course's learning objectives. The NPS PMs then meet with NPS staff to review the crosswalk and validate if the information covers the required WarU learning objectives. Based on the results, the NPS PMs 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 NPS PMs coordinate with NPS to obtain a list of all military and civilian AAW professionals who have completed the NPS program degrees, academic certificates, or courses that are listed in the enclosure. The DACM Office will grant fulfillment credit to these AAW professionals for the applicable WarU courses through the Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System (CAPPMIS). No action is required on the AAW professional's part.

b. Once the fulfilled courses are reflected in their Individual Development Plan (IDP) history in CAPPMIS, AAW professionals may be eligible to apply for the appropriate AFA certification, as long as they have met all the other certification requirements that are in place for that AFA at the time of certification request. In addition to the fulfillment process, they must have the requisite years of acquisition experience and pass the certification exam before they can apply for DAWIA certification.

5. Military AAW professionals will not automatically receive Continuous Learning Points (CLPs) for WarU courses obtained through fulfillment. They may request CLPs from their supervisor for NPS coursework through their IDP in CAPPMIS. The DACM Office's NPS PM will award CLPs to AAW civilian professionals upon receiving an unofficial copy of their NPS transcript.

6. Changes in DAWIA Certification Standards. In some cases, AAW professionals 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. Per reference 1.b, certification can only be achieved by meeting the training, education, and experience standards required for each designated level in an AFA at the time that certification is requested. If a new WarU course is added to the Program Management Practitioner or Contracting Professional level certification requirement after the AAW professional graduates from NPS, the AAW professional must take the new certification course and exam before they can request certification in that AFA.

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.

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 military and civilian Army Acquisition Workforce (AAW) professionals who (a) graduate from one of the Army Director, Acquisition Career Management Office's Naval Postgraduate (NPS) programs in Fiscal Year 2026 and later, and (b) are seeking Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act certification in Program Management (PM) at the Practitioner level or Contracting (CON) at the Professional level. The DACM Office has validated the following NPS Master of Science (MS) degrees and academic certificates, and will grant fulfillment for all Warfighting Acquisition University (WarU) courses required for PM Practitioner or CON Professional certification:

NPS Degree or Academic Certificate	**Training Fulfillment**
Basic Contract Management Certificate - Curriculum 237 or 238	CON Professional
Advanced Acquisition Studies Certificate - Curriculum 217 or 218	PM Practitioner
MS in Systems Engineering - Curriculum 311	N/A
MS in Systems Engineering Management - System Acquisition - Curriculum 522	PM Practitioner and CON Professional
MS in Systems Engineering Management / Systems and Program Management - Curriculum 722	PM Practitioner
MS in Defense Contract Management - Curriculum 815	PM Practitioner and CON Professional
MS in Defense Program Management - Curriculum 816	PM Practitioner and CON Professional
MS in Acquisition (Program Management) - Curriculum 836	PM Practitioner and CON Professional

2. In order to provide similar credit as the Army Acquisition Transition Course, the crosswalk below applies to Functional Area 51 officers and Career Management Field 51C NCOs who graduate from NPS. The DACM Office will honor only the course covered in this crosswalk. If the officer completes the below NPS course in the first column, they will receive fulfillment for the corresponding WarU 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 WarU course is no longer a valid course (e.g. course change). Fulfillment will be granted as described in paragraph 4 of this policy.

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

Summary of Changes

PARA	SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS POLICY
General	Changed "Defense Acquisition University (DAU) " to "Warfighting Acquisition University (WarU)"
3.b	Changed the first sentence from "Proponency officer" to "NPS Program Manager"
5	Added the sentence "The DACM Office's NPS PM will award CLPs to AAW civilian professionals upon receiving an unofficial copy of their NPS transcript."
Enclosure	Added NPS degree programs to the first table.