**United States Marine Corps**

**Blended Seminar Program**

**Program Information**

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The BSP is a combination of resident and non-resident online education at or near your primary duty station. This program provides the opportunity for officers to complete Career Level School (CLS) or Intermediate Level School (ILS) within one academic year, earning graduates of both programs Professional Military Education credit and also Joint Professional Military Education Phase I credit for ILS.

The Blended Seminar Programs (BSP) for both Command and Staff College (CSC) and Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) offer distance education students a resident school experience at major bases.

CSCBSP Locations: Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune, and Quantico

Officers assigned to MARFORPAC (to include Japan / Hawaii) or west of the Mississippi are typically authorized to attend at Camp Pendleton and funded by TECOM.

EWSBSP Locations: Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune, Hawaii, Okinawa, and Quantico

Officers west of the Mississippi are typically authorized to attend Camp Pendleton and funded by TECOM.

The BSP provides a resident like experience to more officers, allowing them to interact, face-to-face, with faculty and fellow students in greater depth. The BSP is conducted by active duty faculty and full time civilian faculty. The course is enhanced by guest speakers, distinguished visitors, and visits to locations not normally available to students in the weekly seminar program. During the two resident periods officers are TAD to CDET Camp Pendleton as full-time students.

Officers can complete CLS or ILS PME in less than one calendar year.

CSC BSP = 10 months / EWS BSP = 5.5 months.

The BSP is a combination resident program (students attend classes daily during the work week) and an online program where work is completed during off duty hours --- combining short periods of resident instruction around online seminars that leverages the strengths of both methodologies.

TAD funding is provided by TECOM for officers who are not stationed in the local SoCal Region.

Interested officers should enroll NOW if they desire to participate this year, or contact us if they have questions regarding Officer Professional Military Education. Course dates are on page 3.

**Who is Eligible**

EWS BSP: Captains, Limited Duty Officer (LDO) captains, captain selects, and chief warrant officer (CWO) 3s. Prospective students must enroll in the 8670 prerequisite described in reference C prior to applying to the EWS BSP. The 8670 prerequisite course must be completed prior to attending the course.

CSC BSP: Majors, LDO majors, major selects, and CWO4s. Captains who are CLS complete and have 3 years time-in-grade at the time of reporting will be considered as alternates and placed on a wait list for available seats.

**How/Where to Enroll**:

Seat allocations are held by the MARFORs and officers are enrolled via MCTIMS.

Officers should request their S-3/G-3 representative to enroll them in the appropriate CIDs / Course numbers (see recent MARADMIN) via their assigned MARFOR in MCTIMS.

Those who are assigned to a MARFOR without seat allocations, or not assigned to MARFOR should contact the Regional Director.

Officers who desire to complete via the BSP should enroll early to ensure a seat (we typically fill the courses 2-3 months before they start).

Course dates, CIDs, and Course Numbers can be found by accessing and reviewing the MARADMIN.

EQUIVALENCY CREDIT: In order to receive a Blended Seminar Course Completion Code a student must complete all coursework in the Blended Seminar Program.

**EWSBSP students must enroll in EWSDEPPREQ prior to requesting enrollment in a BSP course via MCTIMS (unless they have already completed the prerequisite course). The PREREQ course MUST be completed before the BSP course starts. Those students who have completed any portion of 8660 must still complete the EWSDEPPREQ course.**

SELF STUDY (EWSDEPPREQ): Students request enrollment in EWSDEPPREQ via the MarineNet website ([www.marinenet.usmc.mil](http://www.marinenet.usmc.mil)). Students will search for the first course, EWSDEPPREQ, and request enrollment. **Please ensure your secondary contact information listed in MarineNet is correct; the e-mail address you provide is where you will be contacted.** You should see your enrollment update to “approved” and receive an email giving you access to the Moodle Academic Website within 2-3 days. Once EWSDEPPREQ is complete send an email to: CDET\_CampPendleton

For Moodle or Marinenet access issues contact Email: cdet.student\_support@usmc.mil

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