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COLLEGE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING POLICY 03-17

From: Director

Subj: COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM  
(CSCDEP) EQUIVALENCY CREDIT

1. Purpose. To promulgate the policy for granting equivalency credit for course work that meets the learning outcomes of CSCDEP courses. The intent of this policy is to ensure that learners meet the mandated intermediate-level joint professional military education (JPME) I requirements.

This College of Distance Education and Training (CDET) policy, while in accordance with the Marine Corps University policies, addresses unique requirements of the nonresident distance education programs that require additional guidance.

2. Background. Individual courses within the CSCDEP and other Service programs are thematically sequenced and connected in a holistic manner to provide learners the necessary profession of arms knowledge and leadership development. Accredited or approved JPME I programs achieve these objectives. Marine officers should avail themselves of entire JPME I programs and avoid taking individual courses. The goal of the CDET is to eliminate individual course equivalency credit.

3. Policy. Marines who enroll in accredited or approved JPME I programs will need to complete those programs in their entirety to be complete for grade. Learners who are enrolled in or complete the Naval War College course, NW3230 *Strategy & War*, before **24 May 2017** will be given equivalency credit for CSCDEP course, 8901, *Theory & Nature of War*. Beyond **24 May 2017** no equivalency credit will be granted.

  
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