

Marine Corps PME Continuum

Functional Lead: VPAA

Division: ASD

Responsible Office: Education Officer

Reference: (a) MCO 1553.4B Professional Military Education

(b) CJCSI 1800.01F, Officer Professional Military Education Policy, 15 May 2020

(c) SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation

1. Purpose. To describe the purpose and use of the Professional Military Education Continuum.

2. Background. The Marine Corps Officer PME Continuum was originally defined and published in 2010. The original continuum was approved by the President, MCU and made foundational to curricula development for both resident and distance learning programs. Supplemented by the Marine Corps Professional Reading Program and classified according to Bloom's Taxonomy, the Marine Corps Officer PME Continuum reflects the range of enduring program outcomes and dynamic Student Learning Outcomes expected of graduates at all levels. Enlisted PME similarly provides a continuum of education.

3. Policy

a. Responsibilities

(1) Officer PME. The review and maintenance of the Officer PME Continuum is overseen by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, in conjunction with the academic deans/chief academic officers of educational programs and other designated faculty as needed. This group reviews and recommends defined Learning Areas for PME curricula, and validates the continuity of student learning outcomes across PME programs.

(2) Enlisted PME. The Enlisted PME Continuum is developed by the Director, College of Military Education.

(3) Approval. The President, MCU is the approval authority for the officer and enlisted continuums.

b. The PME Continua will be reviewed and updated at least biennially.

4. Procedures

a. VPAA will schedule reviews of the OPME Continuum as needed and present proposed changes to the President, MCU for approval.

b. Educational program directors will map their program's student learning outcomes (SLO) to the approved Learning Areas and brief the map during the biennial Curriculum Review Board.

c. VPAA (Director, Academic Support Division) will develop the continuum from the SLO mapping, address discrepancies with the academic deans, and publish the continuum when approved by the President, MCU.

d. Educational program directors will use the Continuum as the basis for ensuring that their curricula is rank appropriate.

Related Policies and Forms:
Curriculum Review Process

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