

**2016-2017 Class Dates:**

**October 13-14**  
**November 10-11**  
**Jan 26-27**  
**Feb 9-10**  
**April 6-7**  
**May 18-19**  
**July 13-14**  
**September 14-15**  
**November 16-17**

**Times:**

8:30am-3:00pm

**Location:**

Building 223-, Classroom 201

Counselors are available Monday through Friday, 7:30-4:30 to schedule you and help answer any questions you may have.

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# **Transition GPS Higher Education Course**



The 47<sup>th</sup> FSS Base Education Center, in cooperation with the Airman and Family Readiness Center is proud to sponsor the Transition Goals, Plans, Success (TGPS) 2-Day Higher Education Course for transitioning service members and their spouses.

**Do you have questions like:**

- ? Which **GI Bill** is right for me?
- ? I know I want to go to college but where do I go and what do I study?
- ? What is a **FAFSA**?
- ? Who is going to help me when I am no longer in uniform?


The **Higher Education TGPS** course is an optional addition to your Transition Assistance Program. You are entitled to these services and encouraged to take ownership of your academic future. We can help you.




## You have Earned the Benefits, now is the Time to use them

**\*EXPANDED TRANSITION COUNSELING AUTHORIZED\***

**Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW)**  
to Hire Heroes Act of 2011  
and  
**Veterans Employment Initiative (VEI)**  
Were established to address veterans unemployment

 Gulf War II Veterans have an unemployment rate of 7.7% Non-veterans is 7.3% (July 2013, Bureau of Labor and Statistics)

 More than 1 million service members are projected to leave the military between 2011 and 2016.

- Data from the VAnguard magazine, Nov/Dec 2012


- To Determine where your interests lie, Check Out

## Why should I pursue Higher Education?

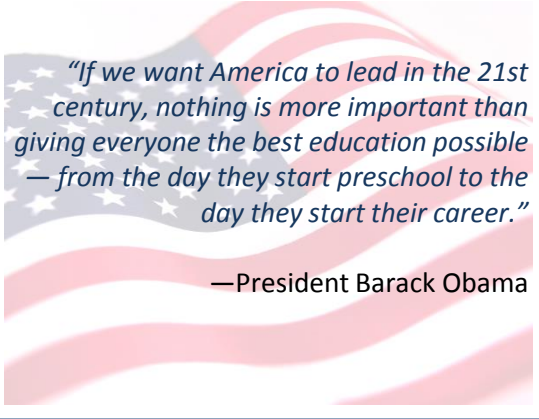
Earning a post-secondary degree or credential is no longer just a pathway to opportunity for a talented few; rather, it is a prerequisite for the growing jobs of the new economy. Over this decade, employment in jobs requiring education beyond a High School diploma will grow more rapidly than employment in jobs that do not; of the 30 fastest growing occupations, **more than half require postsecondary education.** With the average earnings of college graduates at a level that is twice as high as that of workers with only a high school diploma, higher education is now the clearest pathway into the middle class.

- Statement from the Whitehouse.gov website

TGPS Covered Topics include, but are not limited to:

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- Personal Goals and Priorities
  - Institutional Goals and Priorities
  - Online vs. Traditional Learning
  - Avoid Student Loan Debt
  - Veterans Organizations
  - College Applications
  - Federal Student Aid
  - Scholarships
  - Networking
  - GI Bill

We will take a purposeful, deliberate look at the road ahead for those who want to take full advantage of their educational benefits and provide some meaningful guidance on leveraging resources to earn your degree.



*"If we want America to lead in the 21st century, nothing is more important than giving everyone the best education possible — from the day they start preschool to the day they start their career."*

—President Barack Obama