

FLEXIBLE CONTRACTS

The ECP offers four different combinations of contracts from which to choose, each with its own benefits and obligations. Many of our graduates go on to serve in the active Army, while others decide to remain in the Army Reserve or National Guard as part-time officers.



ROTC EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular groups, activities and organizations that are open to all Army ROTC Cadets:

- Ranger Challenge. A military skill team competition of marksmanship, physical fitness, orienteering and teamwork
- Army Ten-Miler. An annual event of team competition
- Teams for orienteering, biathlon, an Officer's Christian Fellowship group, and membership in the Association of the United States Army



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VALLEY FORGE MILITARY COLLEGE

VFMC is an all-male, two-year transfer college located 15 miles west of Philadelphia in the heart of one of the most vibrant academic and historic communities in the nation.

At VFMC, successful college transfer coupled with personal development, which includes quality academics, character education, athletics and leadership development, make up the common goals that unite our close-knit, 220-member college community. As part of our unique cadet organization that is rich in tradition and dedicated to personal growth and individual pride, you will be groomed as a student and a leader.

All students are members of the Corps of Cadets and reside on campus. Cadets lead the self-run regiment under the supervision of experienced former Army officers and non-commissioned officers.

Make your first years count! VFMC offers two associate's degree programs with five concentrations. Graduates have a 100% transfer rate at their first or second choice schools. Despite fierce competition, 86% were admitted to top- and second-tier colleges and universities in the country.

VFMC offers unique opportunities:

- Small class sizes (average of 14 students per class)
- Personal attention (9:1 student-teacher ratio)
- Opportunities to develop character and exercise leadership
- Seven varsity sports and countless intramural and club activities



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Through the **ARMY ROTC**
Early Commissioning Program

YOU CAN BECOME AN
ARMY OFFICER
IN ONLY 2 YEARS AT
VALLEY FORGE



Valley Forge is the only college in the northeastern United States and one of only five colleges in the country offering the Early Commissioning Program.

The Accelerated Leadership Path!

Forge your future today!



Valley Forge Military College

ECP AT VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge Military College offers a unique and challenging Army accelerated leadership path called the Early Commissioning Program, or ECP. This Army ROTC program results in your earning a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon your graduation as a sophomore, well ahead of your peers in four-year programs.

The program is an intensive and demanding course of study taught by active-duty Army officers and non-commissioned officers. After VFMC, you go on to finish your bachelor's degree while serving part-time as an officer in the Army National Guard or Reserves. Many programs allow you to complete a bachelor's degree tuition-free at a high-quality college or university while receiving over \$4,000 per year in part-time officer pay.

LONG TERM ADVANTAGES

Those who desire to serve in the Army as a full-time officer after completing their bachelor's degree enter active duty as a first lieutenant making over \$12,000 per year *more than* those who pursued a commission in four years. Others who desire to remain a Reserve officer after college have two years of real leadership experience on their résumé on top of two collegiate degrees. The knowledge and experience gained through participation in this program and serving as an Army officer will place you far ahead of college graduates, whether you choose a military or civilian career. Many business leaders attribute much of their success to having been officers themselves. Many firms actively recruit young officers.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The ECP at VFMC is open to young men who:

- Hold a cumulative high school GPA of 2.0 or higher (2.5 or higher for scholarship),
- Earn an SAT score of at least 850, or an ACT composite score of at least 19 (920 SAT/19 ACT for scholarship),
- Pass an Army physical examination,
- Are at least 17 years of age, but not more than 26 years of age,
- Hold U.S. citizenship,
- Have good moral character, and
- Are willing to participate in military training.



INITIAL TRAINING

In order to enter the ECP, you must first complete military training. This includes soldiers of the Army, National Guard or Army Reserve who complete Basic Combat Training. Others attend the five-week ROTC Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Kentucky. This paid training activity is offered the summer prior to enrolling at VFMC. At Camp Challenge you will learn leadership, responsibility and soldier skills without incurring any form of military obligation.

ON-CAMPUS TRAINING

Upon successful completion of summer training, you begin Military Science classes that are equivalent to those taken by a college junior at a four-year institution. The curriculum focuses on leadership, responsibility and organizational skills.



At the end of your freshman year, you will attend the five-week Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. After this camp, you may have the opportunity to either attend one of the Army schools (such as Airborne or Air Assault) or train with an active Army unit where you will serve as an honorary lieutenant. This training offers excellent leadership training and experiences.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

All ECP cadets at VFMC receive considerable ROTC financial assistance. There are many two-year full-tuition ROTC scholarships available for qualified applicants. In addition, ECP participants at VFMC receive an incentive from the school that waives substantial room and board charges.

SIMULTANEOUS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

As a cadet you may also be eligible to serve in National Guard or Army Reserve Units as a part-time officer-trainee while at VFMC. This program offers additional military and leadership training. These cadets are paid as sergeants (E5) and receive pay of approximately \$170 per month, as well as significant financial aid.