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Marines Receive Fast Track to AAS Degree in Small Group Management from Purdue University Global

INDIANAPOLIS – Jan. 23, 2020 –Purdue University Global, a leader in providing an accelerated pathway to a [degree for military personnel](#), has expanded its Associate of Applied Science in Small Group Management degree program to include the U.S. Marines.

Marines can earn this associate's degree in as few as six courses, depending on their occupational experience, by applying professional military education credits and additional learning toward their degree requirements. By comparison, the average time required for active-duty service members to earn an associate's degree is seven years, according to a 2016 Department of Defense report.

First launched a year ago for service members of the U.S. Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserves, this program already has graduated soldiers who completed their degree in 10 months or less.

The [AAS in Small Group Management](#) program includes a capstone experience designed to provide hands-on experience managing small groups within the military. This can satisfy education requirements for advancement in the military and help enhance their professional development for a civilian career.

"We are proud to support our men and women in uniform with innovative programs that can support their career goals and provide them with the skills and training they need to lead and succeed," said CSM(r) David Turnbull, executive director of military solutions for Kaplan Higher Education, which facilitates relationships with the military as part of its operational support role for Purdue Global.

The curriculum focuses on small group management skills, including: communication, managing conflict, risk management, ethical decision-making, subordinate development, effective goal setting, and team synergy. These competencies prepare individuals for a number of management employment opportunities in a post-military career.

In addition, the Associate's in Small Group Management can be the first step toward an advanced degree at [Purdue Global](#), a public nonprofit online university. Credits can be applied toward a Bachelor's in Liberal Studies with just seven additional courses, then a Master's in Management with 10 additional courses.

Purdue Global specializes in meeting the needs of mature, working adults with the flexibility of an online format. Approximately 30 percent of Purdue Global's students are affiliated with the military. The university offers significantly reduced tuition rates for service members and veterans.

About Purdue University Global

Purdue University Global is the extreme personalization online university, providing students the competitive edge to advance in their chosen careers. It offers a hyper-tailored path for students to earn an associate's, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree, based on their work experience, desired pace, military service, previous college credits and other considerations — no matter where they are in their life journey.

Purdue Global serves approximately 30,000 students, most of whom earn their degree online. It also operates several regional locations nationwide. Purdue Global is a nonprofit, public university accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. It is affiliated with Purdue University's flagship institution, a highly ranked public research university located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Purdue University also operates two regional campuses in Fort Wayne and Northwest, Indiana, as well as serving close to 6,000 science, engineering and technology students at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) campus.

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