



## DEOMI Recognized for 40 Years of Accredited Status

**PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE, Fla.** — The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) was recognized by the Council on Occupational Education (COE) for attaining 40 years of accredited status at the council’s annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 15.



The DEOMI Center of Excellence, which was initially accredited by the COE in 1983, has undergone self-studies and subsequent site visits about every six years to maintain this recognition.

"Having the Council on Occupational Education recognize DEOMI for 40 years of accreditation is a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the entire DEOMI team, past and present," shared DEOMI Commandant, U.S. Navy Capt. Delmy Robinson. "COE accreditation is reserved exclusively for top institutions that meets and/or exceeds standards, and our DEOMI Center of Excellence is honored to continue this ultimate designation of excellence, honesty, and integrity."

Accreditation is a status granted to an educational institution or program that has been found to meet or exceed stated criteria of educational quality and student achievement. Accreditation by COE is viewed as a nationally honored seal of excellence for occupational education institutions and denotes honesty and integrity.

Accreditation is a remarkable and celebrated recognition, but it’s only the first step for institutions dedicated to demonstrating continued academic excellence. The time and resources needed to maintain accreditation are substantial. For example, an accredited institution is required to submit an annual report to show compliance with COE standards and criteria. Every program must have an advisory committee that meets at least twice a year to document curriculum changes, analyze academically pertinent statistics, and assess student and faculty surveys.

“The entire DEOMI team is extremely proud of this accomplishment, and we are very excited about the academic benefits accreditation offers our students and alumni as they continue their life-long learning,” said

Heather Meyers, department head of DEOMI's Standards, Plans and Analysis. It also further validates and signifies that DEOMI's courses of instruction are equivalent to similar coursework offered at colleges and universities throughout the world."

The COE, based in Atlanta, Georgia, offers quality assurance services to postsecondary career and technical education providers across the nation. It is unique among all accrediting agencies with respect to the diversity of entities that it accredits, and there are over 500 institutional members at the present time.

*The DEOMI team is an inclusive force that values and develops all individuals and thrives on their contributions. Since its inception in 1971, then known as the Defense Race Relations Institute, DEOMI has developed and delivered innovative education, training, research, and collaborative solutions to more than 53,000 DEOMI military and civilian graduates.*

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