

Section III Professional Development Courses*

*There are no examinations or credit associated with these courses. These courses are designed to enrich or to prepare the student for other opportunities. Due to the brevity of the professional development courses, students are allowed only 2 months for the loan period.

APRENDA ENGLISH NOW! (LEARN ENGLISH NOW!)

Purpose: This course serves as an **English as a second language** course for Hispanic-American service members

Order number: NG-007

Course design: CD-ROM (Windows or Macintosh)

Course description: The top-rated language learning method that takes you from a beginner to fluent speaker! At last, Language Learning software that really works. Yes, learning English is now easy and fun. Unlike other language learning methods, English Now is uniquely effective. Right away you'll find yourself in a compelling, interactive environment where learning authentic English is made easy. The Listen & Speak activities, grammar tools and vocabulary games provide a solid foundation. As you advance, authentic conversational video content lets you interact with your new language like a true native. Unlike other language learning methods, Aprenda English Now! is uniquely effective. Participate in real conversations, read interesting articles and watch intriguing videos to interactively build all of your language skills. Learn to speak, listen, read, and write English. This program provides activities, tests, exercises, and tools to improve all of you language abilities.



THE CHALLENGE OF CHINA AND JAPAN

Purpose: This course could serve as a cultural awareness orientation to units located in cities with a large oriental population.

Order number: DS-0008

Course design: 15 half-hour audio sessions.

Course description: It is often difficult for the occidental to understand the oriental because of the distinct cultural differences. This series includes topics such as: Japan - Tradition in Transition, China Today – The Search for Values, China and Japan - The Response to the West, Reforming the Revolution – China's Economic Policy, Japan – Free Trade & Protectionism, Food & Population - Agricultural Reform in China, and Education, Social Welfare, and Security.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

GEOMETRY

Purpose: To assist the student enrolled in a traditional geometry class.

Order number: NG-004

Course design: 16 half-hour video sessions in Geometry

Course description: This tape series consists of 16 video segments. Each segment is approximately 25-30 minutes in length. Topics include postulates, proof, triangles, congruence and similarity, parallel lines, quadrilaterals, right triangles, circles, area, coordinate geometry, solids,

Taught by a professor from the University of New Orleans

constructions and introduction to Non-Euclidean geometry.

Note: This course has **no end of course test** available. It has been added as a resource to assist service members who are enrolled in a Geometry course through their local college. It is intended to be used as a supplement to classroom instruction, not to earn college credit through testing. You can obtain a study guide called *The Study Guide for Geometry* for \$20 through Educational Video Resources at 1 877-843-0277.

KAPLAN'S HIGHER SCORE ON THE GMAT, GRE, AND LSAT CD

Purpose: This course is used to prepare the student for the GMAT, GRE and LSAT

Order number: NG-018

Course design: CD-ROMs

Course description: Students are now taking admissions examinations on the computer, so what better way to prepare for the examination than to use software designed to build confidence and raise scores. Optimize preparation time by focusing on test sections relative to your academic goals. Determine the best strategies for your test-taking skills. Raise your reading and reasoning skills with Kaplan's personalized study plan. Learn to identify the issues and pull key facts from dense passages. Hone your ability to organize information and make deductions. Strengthen the skills needed to dissect arguments based on evidence and assumptions.

LEGACIES: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF WOMEN AND THE FAMILY IN AMERICA 1607 - 1870

Purpose: Family Advocacy Representatives may benefit from this course

Order number: DS0011

Course design: 18 half-hour audio sessions.

Course description: What role did women play in winning independence? How did the American Revolution affect the status of women and their ideas about themselves? How did families make the decision to move West? This series explores these questions while engaging the listener in discussions of the latest research with leading scholars of women's and family history. Each program interweaves interviews with narration, music, and readings by actors from primary sources including diaries, letters, reminiscences, sermons and court documents.

Produced in association with Wellesley College

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

THE SMART CHOICE

Purpose: Enhances individual basic skills.

Order number: NG-009 (English version); NG-010 (Spanish version)

Course design: CD-ROMs (Windows 95/98/ ME; 200+ MHz processor; 32 MB RAM)

Course description: The SMART CHOICE, an interactive software tool, will familiarize you with the educational standards of the Army National Guard and provide hints and tutorials where they might be helpful. The SMART CHOICE provides basic skill training in Mathematics, Reading, Vocabulary, and Problem Solving. Help function provides hints, explanation, instruction, or the answer.



SOCIOLOGY: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Purpose: Family Advocacy Representatives may benefit from this course

Order number: DS0010

Course design: 12 half-hour audio sessions.

Course description: What is happening in families today? Few topics are more popular in conversation and in the mass media. Through scholarly commentary and vignettes performed by actors, this series looks at definitions and varieties of U.S. families and explores the family life cycle. Problems common to many families, including stress, divorce and care for the elderly are also examined.

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**University of
Wisconsin**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

WAR AND PEACE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE

Purpose: Historical review of military strategy, doctrine, & operation in the 20th Century.

Order number: DD505256

Course design: 13 one-hour video sessions.

Course description: Turn back the hands of time to the height of World War II . . . In a laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico, the first atomic weapon was created. Archival footage takes you on the Enola Gay as the bomber-unleashed destruction on Japan. Then follow the political actions, wars, and historical events that formed the Soviet Empire and led to the Cold War. See how close the Korean War came to being World War III. Sit in the oval office with President Kennedy during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Watch the tiny nation of Israel defend her territory in the Seven Day War. Tour Southeast Asia during the longest war in our nation's history – the Vietnam War. Sit with President Nixon as the historic SALT Treaty was signed, then follow President Carter's continuation with SALT II. Observe the nuclear arms build up and deployment to Europe of the Reagan era, which led to the collapse of the bear. This series will captivate the viewer's attention from start to finish.

Note: The DSST that supported this course has been discontinued.

ZANE PUBLISHING'S COMPLETE MULTIMEDIA COURSE FOR THE SAT

Purpose: Prepares one to take the SAT examination

Order number: NG-0011

Course design: Multimedia CD-ROM Volume 1 & 2

Course description: After you sign in, you'll arrive at the table top, the main menu for the Course. The objects on the tabletop represent test preparation functions you can use. Practice Tests will help you build your test taking skills by solving practice questions with Coaching or under simulated test conditions. The "Vocabulator" will launch you into the flash card system. Access the dictionary for definition of words for the SAT. The Strategy Notebook for multimedia reviews key problem-solving strategies and test taking tactics. The Math Notebook--multimedia reviews key math facts for the SAT. The Progress Log provides a summary of your test prep progress.