



OFFICER JOINT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

Officer Joint PME is based on educational requirements specified in the OPMEP and mandated by the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (established by the Skelton Committee on Armed Services in 1989).

CJCSI 1800.01C, Officer Professional Military Education Policy - Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 1800.01C – OPMEP

Educational Requirements for Joint Qualified Officers- To satisfy the educational prerequisites for JQO nominee designation, officers must receive credit for completing a CJCS-certified or accredited program of JPME. Paths for satisfying the educational requirements for JQO nominee designation can *generally* be accomplished by completing JPME Phase I followed by completing JPME Phase II.

Joint Professional Military Education Phase I - JPME requirements begin at the Intermediate (Major/O-4) level where JPME Phase I credit is available by completing Intermediate Developmental Education (IDE) (resident or non-resident).

Joint Professional Military Education Phase II - JPME Phase II credit is available by completing Senior Development Education (SDE) in residence. However, most SDE colleges did not receive JPME Phase II certification until 2007. Officers that did not complete SDE in residence and officers that completed SDE in residence prior to JPME Phase II certification can receive JPME Phase II credit by completing AJPME or JCWS.

Advanced Joint Professional Military Education (AJPME): The AJPME program was developed to provide RC officers with a means to meet Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) requirements outlined in the law (Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 38, and Section 666) and DOD Instruction 1300.19. The primary course of instruction for the program is Advanced JPME (AJPME).

Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JCWS): JCWS is the in-residence counterpart to AJPME for RC officers. The 10-week course is provided at the Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC). JCWS conducts Phase II of Joint Professional Military Education. JPME Phase II completes the process of joint education for officers to become joint qualified officers (JQOs).

Both AJPME and JCWS are offered through the Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC), the Norfolk, Virginia, element of the National Defense University (NDU), our nation's premier Joint Professional Military Education institution. More information about the JFSC Schools & Academic Program is available at (<http://www.jfsc.ndu.edu/>).

