



## ROOTS in USCG EDUCATION

HERC is an organization founded by a career USCG officer, Tim Scoggins, who served as an H-60 Search and Rescue Pilot and was selected by ADM Loy to serve as the USCG Service Chief of Voluntary Education. After retiring from active duty, he went on to create Degree Quest® and SOCRATES® and founded this organization. His operations served Team Coast Guard's higher education initiatives under contracts for nearly a decade and a half.

For many years now Tim has served in leadership positions with the USCG Auxiliary, including Division Commander (082-12), as well as past VCDR, FC,(12-01) and D8 Branch Chief (H-Q) on the National Staff.

## USCG AUX EDU

Degree Quest® easily digitally articulates the transfer of college credit into **tens of thousands of degrees** that can be completed anytime, anywhere **from hundreds of accredited colleges and universities**. The myriad of resources linked to **SOCRATES**, including **hundreds of semester hours of tuition-free courses** that empower USCG Aux members to earn credit by examinations, **scholarship and grant matching**, **low cost textbooks** and more, enhance the success of those served.

This initiative is intended to be a **recruiting and retention tool**, contributing to the success of USCG Auxiliary members and their immediate family members who elect to pursue a degree.. **To receive access to this support, join and continue to serve in the USCG Auxiliary!**

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# Degree Quest®

## DEGREE EXPLORATION & PLANNING SOFTWARE

Degree Quest® is the most technologically advanced academic assessment and counseling platform with 34 patented processes that digitally stream students' existing credit towards degree completion.

**Are there USCG Auxiliary members in your Flotilla in D8ER who need to earn a degree for a brighter future** in their community? We're here for them.

Are there Aux members who **started college but never finished** their degrees? We're here for them.

Are there **prior military members who would like to apply the credit they earned** from their professional training in the service toward a degree? We're here for them.

We've supported 196,000+ adult learners in the past two and a half decades. **We're here for you, too!**



## SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Degree Quest® empowers HERC staff to quickly process traditional students in transfer, as well as **those who previously served in the military prior to joining the USCG Auxiliary** with the goal of the Aux member or immediate family member receiving **optimal application of their credit toward their desired degree.**

It's easier than ever before to quickly process CCAF or Joint Service Transcripts for even those who were the most senior military members, articulating the application of college credit for the professional training and experiences evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE).

Degree Quest® provides integrated and unparalleled military legacy data including:

- Every course & occupation evaluated by the ACE exhibit since 1942 – more than 45,000 exhibits
- The former Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Degree Network System has been preserved which helps colleges expedite processing with veteran student applicants

**Even if you are just getting started pursuing a degree, with the information provided in the detailed degree plans combined with the powerful resources in SOCRATES, earning a degree has never been easier.**

Although HERC charges the general public \$600 for this support, it is available for members of D8ER and their immediate families **at zero cost** in this new initiative.

**A USCG Aux member no. is required** and will be verified to ensure this is being used by USCG Aux members & families.

