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**DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY TO PARTNER WITH  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTHCARE EDUCATION CAMPUS**

**Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 22, 2015** – Davenport University is proud to announce a partnership with the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC), based in San Antonio, Texas. METC is a state-of-the-art Department of Defense healthcare education campus with over 50 medical programs and 21,000 graduates annually.

The METC sought a partnership with Davenport because of its pioneering Veterans Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, designed to help veterans and inactive military service members successfully pursue and attain a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN), pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), and obtain a nursing position in the healthcare field. For many veterans and military medically-trained persons, this program will fast-track them into the middle of their sophomore year of the nursing program.

Lt. Col. David S. Johnston, Ph.D., M.S.S.I., who serves as Director of Strategic Planning & Partnerships for METC, will visit Davenport Oct. 26 -27, 2015 to meet with administrators, faculty and staff to assess the compatibility of the organizations. A signing ceremony will be held Oct. 26 to demonstrate the commitment of both organizations to educating service members and helping them succeed.

**Media are welcome to attend.**

**What:** Department of Defense Medical Education and Training Campus Partnership Signing

**When:** Monday, Oct. 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** W.A. Lettinga Campus, Robert W. Sneden Center  
6191 Kraft Lake SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

**About the Veterans Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree**

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under grant number UH1HP26488 and title "Veterans to BSN Program" for \$1,217,446, with 0% financed with nongovernmental sources. This information or content and conclusions are those of the author and should not be construed as the official position or policy of, nor should any endorsements be inferred by HRSA, HHS or the U.S. Government.

**About Davenport University**

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving nearly 9,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology, health professions and urban education. More information is available at [www.davenport.edu](http://www.davenport.edu).

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