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***Fayetteville Technical Community College and Kaplan University Sign Agreement to  
Provide Transfer Opportunities and Tuition Reductions***

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – June 8, 2011 – Fayetteville Technical Community College and Kaplan University, a leader in higher education innovation, have signed an articulation agreement that will allow FTCC's associate degree recipients to get an advanced start on their bachelor's degree through a special transfer credit program.

The transfer program will allow FTCC students, many of whom are Fort Bragg military personnel, to take courses beyond their associate degree and apply to transfer credits to Kaplan, with the option to complete a bachelor's degree in less than two years. FTCC students will also be eligible to receive a 20 percent tuition reduction at Kaplan University's more than 200 online academic programs and offerings.

"Our agreement with Kaplan University provides a seamless transition of up to 60 credit hours for those who wish to pursue a four-year degree after completing their associate's at Fayetteville Tech," said Dr. Larry Keen, president of FTCC. "It is rewarding for us to be able to offer nontraditional students and our local soldiers an opportunity that will help them achieve their professional and career goals."

Kaplan University, which has transfer agreements with community colleges across the country, has established a customized admissions process to specifically cater to the needs of its transfer students.

"Working adults and our military need access to nontraditional education opportunities," said Jaime Cocuy, vice president for Kaplan University's Strategic Alliances Organization. "Now FTCC students, alumni, employees and nearby military personnel can continue their education at an accredited university with rigorous academic programs, a simplified process for transfer of credits, and reduced tuition rates."

To date, Kaplan University, which offers a suite of services for military students, has served more than 10,000 military and veteran students. Both Kaplan University and Fayetteville Tech are listed as Top Military Friendly schools by *Military Advanced Education* magazine and in *GI Jobs* Annual list of Military Friendly Schools.

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Founded in 1961, Fayetteville Technical Community College is one of 58 institutions in the North Carolina Community College System. FTCC serves more than 34,000 students annually by providing over 150 occupational, technical, general education, college transfer, and continuing education programs.

### **About Kaplan University**

Kaplan University offers a different school of thought for higher education. It strives to help adult students unlock their talent by providing a practical, student-centered education that prepares them for careers in some of the fastest-growing industries. The University, which has its main campus in Davenport, Iowa, and its headquarters in Chicago, is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission ([www.ncahlc.org](http://www.ncahlc.org)) and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Kaplan University has more than 200 academic programs and offerings, and serves more than 61,000 online and campus-based students. The University has 11 campuses in Iowa, Nebraska, Maryland and Maine, and Kaplan University Learning Centers in Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Florida.

Kaplan University is part of Kaplan Higher Education, which serves more than 92,000 students online and through more than 70 campus-based schools across the United States and abroad. Kaplan Higher Education schools offer a spectrum of academic opportunities, from certificates and diplomas to graduate and professional degrees, including a juris doctor degree. Kaplan Higher Education is part of Kaplan, Inc., a leading international provider of educational and career services for individuals, schools and businesses. Kaplan, Inc. is a subsidiary of The Washington Post Company (NYSE: WPO), and its largest division. For more information about Kaplan University, visit [www.kaplanuniversity.edu](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu).

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