1-2. Course Prerequisites

a. IAW AR 350-1, Distributed Leader Course I (DLC-I) is the current prerequisite to attend the Basic Leader Course (BLC).

b. Noncommissioned officer backlog. Within the guidelines of Select Train Educate and Promote (STEP) (AR 350-1, Section V) is defined as Soldiers with 37 or more months’ time in grade who have been promoted without completing/graduating the Professional Military Education (PME) course in the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System (NCOPDS) required for their grade level. Soldiers on the legacy backlog are afforded one opportunity to attend their requisite NCO PME course. These Soldiers are not otherwise eligible for further promotion consideration unless they meet all of the training and educational requirements for their current rank. (Ref: AR 350-1, paragraph 3-19f)

c. Attendance is on a priority basis. Soldiers who qualify for BLC are placed on an Order of Merit List (OML) by the unit commander as follows:

(1) SGTs who have not attended BLC and received an Exception to Policy (ETP) because of a deferred status.

(2) SPC/CPL in STAR MOSs.

(3) SPC/CPL promotable.

(4) SPC/CPL non-promotable.

d. Commandants will also ensure National Guard and Reserve (Compo 2 and 3) Soldiers in a TDY status are given priority consideration for class seats as appropriate. Commandants can also accept “local walk-ons” provided Soldiers be otherwise fully qualified to attend BLC. Privates First Class and below are NOT authorized to attend BLC. Commandants will notify HRC of any “walk-on” Soldiers enrolled in an NCO PME course. (Ref: FRAGO 1 to HQDA EXORD 236-15, Army-wide Implementation of Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System, para 3.B.9.A)

e. Additional requirements. Soldiers must:

(1) Meet height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9. (Soldiers are allowed one re-screening. The re-screening will be administered no earlier than seven days after the initial height/weight assessment).

(2) Be eligible for reenlistment and have an attendance recommendation from their immediate commander.

(3) Have no suspension of favorable personnel actions (flags) or pending flags.

(4) Arrive fully capable of performing supporting individual tasks and tasks required at the previous lower level course, e.g., basic training, SMCT Skill Level 1, DLC I.

(5) Been medically cleared IAW AR 40-501, para 8-14(8). A current (within the last 12 months) periodic health assessment or medical examination, to include all lab tests and consults, for Active Army Soldiers and ARNGUS and USAR Soldiers will be valid for attendance at Army schools.
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(6) Pre-execution Check List (PEC), Post Reservation Check List (PRCL), and complete NCOA packing list.

(a) Active Component (AC) Soldiers must bring an automated TASS Unit Pre-execution Checklist (PEC), TRADOC Form 350-18-2-R-E with them. This form is available for download from the TRADOC website: http://adminpubs.tradoc.army.mil/forms.html.

(b) Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers must report with the Post Reservation Checklist (PRCL), which took effect in April 2011, for U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers. The PRCL must be completed by the Soldier's unit two days prior the report date. If the PRCL is not completed, the Soldier's reservation will be cancelled. Due to the use of the PRCL, Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers attending BLC at an RC NCOA will not need a TRADOC Form 350-18-2-R-E, PEC, as the information has already been verified through the PRCL.

(c) AC Soldiers attending an RC or NG NCOA will still be required to report with a copy of their signed PEC. In addition, all Soldiers, both AC, RC, and NG will be required to report with a signed copy of their PEC when attending any AC NCOA.

(d) Soldiers have 72 hours to provide all required missing documents and NCOA packing list items. Soldiers who fail to provide required missing documents and/or items within the established timeline will be disenrolled and returned to their unit.

(e) Common Access Card (CAC): All Soldiers attending BLC are required to have CAC access to the post Non-classified Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNet). This is a requirement for use of classroom computers.

(f) Student qualifications in meeting prerequisite tasks are an individual and unit commander’s responsibility. Upon arrival, Soldiers must possess the capability of performing supporting individual Skill Level 1 tasks.

(g) Commandants may not add local requirements to the prerequisites.

1-3. Enrollment Requirements

a. Soldiers with medical profiles due to an operational deployment will be permitted by their immediate commander to attend appropriate courses (to include PME) within the guidelines of their profile. Soldiers must arrive at the aforementioned course of instruction with a copy of their current profile and memorandum signed by their commander stating the profile has been continuous and is a result of injuries sustained due to an operational deployment.

b. Soldiers with temporary profiles preventing full participation in a course that are not a result of operational deployment, will be removed or deferred from school attendance consideration by their immediate commander, until the temporary profile is removed or the student can complete all course graduation requirements.

c. Soldiers with a permanent designator of “2” in the physical profile must include a copy of DA Form 3349 (Physical Profile) as part of the course application. They will be eligible to attend courses (to include PME) and train within the limits of their profile, provided they can meet course graduation requirements. Soldiers with a permanent designator of “3” or “4” in their physical profile must include a
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copy of DA Form 3349, and the results of their MOS Administrative Retention Review as part of the course application.

d. Soldiers who have been before a MOS Administrative Retention Review and retained in their MOS or reclassified into another MOS are eligible to attend appropriate courses (to include PME) and train within the limits of their physical profile (DA Form 3349). Commandants will not disenroll or deny enrollment of Soldiers into the course based on physical limiting conditions on their physical profile, IAW MOS Administrative Retention Review adjudication.

e. Pregnant Soldiers: Soldiers who are pregnant prior to the course may not attend BLC until medically cleared. A Soldier who is diagnosed as pregnant while attending BLC may continue, provided written documentation from the doctor states she can participate in all course physical requirements. Soldiers medically dis-enrolled for pregnancy after enrollment are eligible to return to the course when medically cleared.

f. NCOAs will deny enrollment to Soldiers failing to meet any one of the above prerequisites. NCOA commandants will not supplement these mandatory enrollment requirements.

References: AR 40-501, chapters 7 and 8; AR 350-1, chapter 3; AR 600-9; and ATP 6-22.1)