

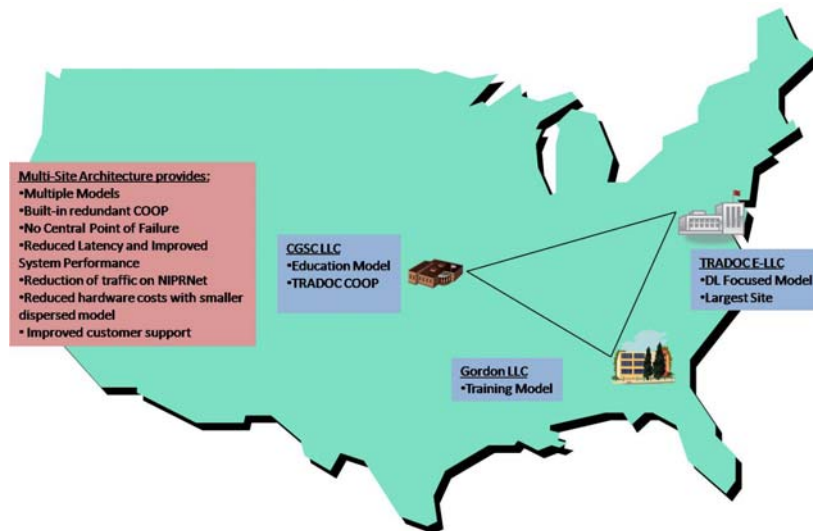
Command and General Staff College
Lifelong Learning Center
Fort Leavenworth, KS

History of Lifelong Learning Centers in TRADOC

In 2001, planning for the first Lifelong Learning Center (LLC) began in the Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia as part of a Lifelong Learning initiative called the University of Information Technology (UIT). In the fall of 2003, TRADOC funded a Lifelong Learning Conference for all TRADOC school leadership at Fort Gordon to discuss the potential of creating a Lifelong Learning Program across all of TRADOC.

After an extensive study and trips to each TRADOC school (32 schools) in 2004, a TRADOC plan was developed. That plan has been modified and re-defined over the next three years to create an enterprise-level solution that could meet the needs of the schools, while keeping the “price tag” down to an acceptable amount. TRADOC hosed LLC working groups to work through issues in and held quarterly Councils of Colonels to make required decisions on the future of the Lifelong Learning Program.

Three pilot sites were approved and funded as an interim step in the process: the Fort Gordon LLC, the Fort Leonard Wood LLC, and the Fort Leavenworth LLC. Later, a Fort Eustis LLC was formed to be a centralized LLC for all of TRADOC. The plan was amended to provide for centralized services. Recently, the TRADOC plan has evolved again to incorporate a multi-site architecture to support TRADOC with three sites:



Throughout the process, the three key software products have remained a constant: Blackboard Academic Suite, Microsoft Office SharePoint Services, and Adobe Connect Professional. Our goal is to create a Lifelong Learning environment that allows our faculty to deliver content (Blackboard), collaborate in an asynchronous environment (SharePoint), and collaborate synchronously (Adobe Connect) with their students in a seamless environment.

CGSC Lifelong Learning Center

In 2006, we established the Fort Leavenworth LLC to support the US Army’s Command & General Staff College which is responsible for the Intermediate Level Education of the Army’s Officer Corps. Within a year, we successfully migrated the college’s resident, satellite, and non-resident programs to Blackboard for content delivery and SharePoint for all content preparation and staff work. We currently support 1,200 resident students, three satellite sites with 700 students annually, twelve TASS Brigades with 2,400 reserve students annually, and over 5,500 non-resident students that take the self-paced two-year version of the course.