

Course: Ranger Training Assessment Course
ATRRS Course Number: 071-2E-F290/011-F123
Course Website: <https://www.benning.army.mil/wtc/wtc/a/pr/index.htm>

Scope: The RTAC Course consists of 14 days of training. The first week is designed to mirror the first week of Ranger School's (Benning) phase. The second week is designed to Coach, Teach, and Mentor students during the patrol phase of the course. The purpose of the RTAC is to prepare Soldiers to succeed at the US Army Ranger School. RTAC accomplishes this by assessing the Soldiers' physical and mental capabilities, training the Soldiers on Troop Leading Procedures, and Reconnaissance/Ambush patrols to the same standards conducted at the US Army Ranger School. RTAC is designed to verify that all medical/dental and administrative paperwork is complete for Ranger School attendance. Students will be required to pass the minimum Ranger Physical Assessment (RPA) of 49 push-ups, 59 sit-ups and 5 mile (release) run in 40:00 minutes or less. In addition to the RPA, students will be evaluated at the Combat Water Survival Test, Land Navigation, Road March, Ranger Task Training, Patrols, and Peer Evaluations.

ATTENTION: SGLVs must now be completed online at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/> and printed. Failure to have an updated SGLV will result in dismissal from the course.

1. Arrival. All Soldiers travelling by commercial aircraft must carry a complete uniform, PT uniform and all necessary paperwork in their carry-on bag. The uniform is Operational Camouflage Pattern Uniform or your service equivalent.
2. Commercial Transportation. Regardless of how the student travels to Fort Benning, he will pass through or close by Columbus, Georgia. Downtown Columbus is 12 miles from Fort Benning, and is a city with a population of approximately 200,000. Columbus is served by major airlines and seven major highways. There are two inter-city bus lines that operate in and out of Columbus daily. If the student arrives in Columbus by commercial plane, they may travel to the post by city bus (Metra) or taxi. If a Soldier cannot make the report time the day of in-processing, then they are authorized to report the day prior and will be housed in the barracks overnight.
3. Travel by POV. There is a parking lot at Camp Butler, WTC area that is lighted, fenced and locked. Students reporting with privately owned vehicles must park them in the lower lot, during in-processing, and leave them there for the duration of the course.
4. Reporting. **Incoming students will report at 0800. Soldiers unable to report at the required time will contact the RTAC Operations NCO at 706-626-2969 or Anthony.r.orsi.mil@mail.mil.** Reporting location is 6901 Rosell Rd, Building 4157 located in the Harmony Church area of Fort Benning. Students must report in Operational Camouflage Pattern Uniform or your service equivalent with a camelbak. Only nametape and US Army tape will be worn on the OCP. Early reporting is authorized and temporary barracks will be provided.
5. Orders. Incoming students will have 5 copies of their orders assigning them to the RTAC/Ranger Course. 1610's or a 4187 with unit funding code (TDY) are the Units responsibility. Students who are TDY en route must also have 5 copies of their PCS orders.
6. Airborne. All airborne qualified students need to bring proof of their Airborne qualification; the Airborne Course Certificate and parachutist badge orders both suffice. International Students must bring a copy of orders that states they are graduates of the U.S. Army Airborne School. Students are not required to be Airborne qualified, but are encouraged to attend the Airborne Course prior to attending RTAC.
7. Meals. Meals will be provided.
8. Lodging: Lodging will be provided. Statements of non-availability will not be provided.
9. Medical. Refer to the Medical tab for medical requirements for in-processing. (<http://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/ARTB/StudentInformation/Medical.html>)
Currently the following medical criteria are non-waiverable:
 - a. Chronic or daily use of medications
 - b. Any condition that would make a soldier non-deployable
 - c. Previous hot weather injury (cannot begin course from the months of April-October)
 - d. Previous cold weather injury (cannot begin course from the months of October-April)
10. Commander's Validation Letter. Incoming students will have a copy of the Commanders Validation Letter. An example of this letter will be sent to all incoming students in the course welcome packet 45 days prior to in-processing.
11. Sister Services.
 - a. Air Force. Air Force personnel attending RTAC are required to contact the AF Liaison NLT the week prior to Zero Day. Contact (706) 835-8350 or BB (706) 761-2706 for coordination.
 - b. Marine Corps. Marines attending RTAC are advised to report to the Fort Benning USMC Liaison on the Thursday before Zero Day. Contact the Admin Section (706) 626-8004 or the OOD (706) 326-6510 for assistance immediately upon arrival to the Fort

Benning/Columbus area.

12. Re-attempting Ranger School Waiver. The ARTB Commander may require that a student present a request for waiver for attendance (previous LOM, SOR), prior to re-attempting Ranger Training. Waiver must be approved and forwarded at the O-6 level of the unit chain of command. The RTB Commander will exercise his discretion on approving/disapproving the request for waiver based on the student's prior school performance. Student must be able to present a hard copy of the waiver during Day Zero in processing.

13. Packing list. Students must arrive with a printed packing list signed by company commander or first sergeant verifying all required items are present. Current packing list is located at:
<https://www.benning.army.mil/Infantry/ARTB/Student-Information/content/XLS/PackingList.xlsx?29OCT2019ngList.xlsx>.

14. Haircuts. All students will arrive on Zero Day with an appropriate haircut.

a. All Male Ranger students will have a Ranger haircut. A Ranger haircut is defined as: stubble-entire head shaved with hair clippers with no guard attached. There is no requirement to shave your head with a razor.

b. All Female Ranger Students will have a haircut IAW Female Short Length standards in AR 670-1. AR 670-1 defines a Female Short Haircut as, "hair length that extends no more than 1 inch from the scalp (excluding bangs). Hair may be no shorter than 1/4 inch from the scalp (unless due to medical condition or injury), but may be evenly tapered to the scalp within 2 inches of the hair line edges.

15. Heat Mitigation Statement. If you plan on attending RTAC in the summer months, ensure that you are in peak fitness due to the increased humidity and high temperatures. If possible, arrive at Ft. Benning two weeks prior to the course start date in order to acclimatize your body to the higher heat and humidity. WTC cannot facilitate billeting for students that arrive early, except for those arriving the day prior to course start date.

16. Unauthorized Items. No unauthorized items, as defined in the Ranger packing list, will be brought to the course. Any contraband will be confiscated on Zero Day and stored in an unauthorized bag in a locked cage. Contraband is anything not on the Ranger School Packing list.

17. Ensure you visit <http://www.benning.army.mil/tenant/wtc/RTAC.html> for any additional information or documents that may be needed.

18. National Guard Soldiers who graduate the Ranger training Assessment Course have a six month grace period to attend U.S. Army Ranger School.