

Course: Ranger Training Assessment Course  
ATRRS Course Number: 071-2E-F290/011-F123  
Course Website: [Fort Benning | ARNG Warrior Training Center \(army.mil\)](#)

Scope: The RTAC Course consists of 15 days of training. The first week is designed to mirror the first week of Ranger School's (Darby) 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 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 Fitness Assessment (RPFA) Field Events in 12:30 minutes and 4 mile (release) run in 32:00 minutes or less, and 6 chin-ups. In addition to the RPA, students will be evaluated on the Combat Water Survival Test, Land Navigation, Road March, Ranger Task Training, Patrols, and Peer Evaluations.

ATTENTION: SGLVs must now be completed online at [milConnect \(osd.mil\)](#) 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, they 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. Please coordinate early reporting with the RTAC Senior TAC at [brandon.j.reno.mil@army.mil](mailto:brandon.j.reno.mil@army.mil).

**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 on Friday's specified report date in ATRRS. If Soldiers are unable to report at the required time they will contact the WTC Staff Duty at 706-544-6133 or the RTAC NCOIC at [brandon.j.reno.mil@army.mil](mailto:brandon.j.reno.mil@army.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 topped off camelback. Only nametape and US Army tape will be worn on the OCP. Early reporting is authorized and temporary barracks will be provided no earlier than 1300 the Thursday prior to report date.

**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. Soldiers assigned to Fort Benning may report with an MCoE Service School Worksheet.

**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 throughout the course and post graduation until Ranger School in-processing.

**8. Lodging:** Lodging will be provided during the course and barracks will be available post RTAC graduation until Ranger in-processing.

**9. Medical:** Personnel must arrive to RTAC DAY 0 in-processing with the following completed medical documentation or they will be recommended for a MEDICAL DROP:

(Refer to the medical tab for medical requirements for in-processing). [Fort Benning | Student Information \(army.mil\)](#)

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 30 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 (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 ARTB 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. As many of you are aware Army OCIE and ODO operations are changing. Students are now required to bring OCIE issued equipment as of 26 August 2022.

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

**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. Additional Information and Documents:** Ensure you visit [Fort Benning | ARNG Warrior Training Center \(army.mil\)](#) for any additional information documents that maybe needed.

**18. National Guard Soldiers attending Ranger School:** National Guard Soldiers who graduate the Ranger Training Assessment Course must immediately attend Ranger School. If not, they must shadow the corresponding RTAC class prior to Ranger attendance up to 6 months from their RTAC graduation. National Guard Soldiers attending in a shadow capacity must coordinate with the RTAC Senior TAC at [brandon.j.reno.mil@army.mil](mailto:brandon.j.reno.mil@army.mil) or the WTC Schools NCO at [sean.e.goodman4.mil@army.mil](mailto:sean.e.goodman4.mil@army.mil). After 6 months all National Guard Soldiers are required to re-attend RTAC unless there are extenuating circumstances. The A CO Commander is the approving authority for all exceptions.