2018-2019 Veteran’s/ Military Connected Orientation

Office of Military and Veteran Student Services
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Congratulations on your decision to begin or continue your educational goals at the University of the District of Columbia. Whether you are continuing your education or just getting started; currently serving on active duty; a reservist; a national guardsman; a veteran or a family member; we have the programs to help you complete your personal mission of achieving your education goals.

No college can match our experience and dedication in educating active-duty troops, reservists, national guard members, veterans, and military family members. My name is Sequoyah Adebayo and I am the Director of Veterans Affairs here at the University.

This veteran specific virtual orientation will assist with specific questions you may have throughout the academic year. We understand the military and the challenges of transitioning to civilian life. Our dedicated admissions counselors, experienced military leadership, and military-trusted faculty are here to serve you.
Agenda

- Documents needed to get started
- Type of Education Benefit
- Residency
- Certification
- Transfer Credit
- Health Insurance
- Getting Involved
- Keys to Success
Required Documents for Certification

• Certificate of eligibility (COE)
• DD-214 (If you are the veteran)
• Veteran SSN (this is your VA file number) if you are a dependent using DEA or Chapter 35 educational benefits.
• 1905 if your receive vocational rehabilitation benefits.
• Completion of VA Education Certification Request form [https://www.udc.edu/military/va-education-enrollment-form/]
Know Your Benefits

Department of Defense (DOD)
- Tuition Assistance (TA)
- Advanced Civil Schooling (ACS)

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserves™ (MGIB-SR)
- Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty™ (MGIB-AD)
- Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E)
- Chapter 35: Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)
- Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill™
  - Fry Scholarship
  - Transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill™
  - Yellow Ribbon Program
You (student veteran or a dependent) may be eligible to receive military preference regarding residency if:

- 1. Active duty and domicile in DC or the Metro area OR
- 2. Separated from service (proof is the DD-214) within the last 3 year and domicile in DC or the Metro area.

**Please Note:** Getting residency through this method is only waiving the 12 month requirement other students must show to get the discounted tuition rates.

- If you are active duty please provide a copy of:
  1. Orders (showing active duty)
  2. Marriage certificate (if spouse is trying to get tuition discount)
  3. Birth certificate (if child is trying to get the tuition discount)
  4. Lease (showing you are domicile in the District or Metro Area)
  5. State Issued ID with picture

- If you are using your DD-214 as proof please provide a copy of:
  1. DD-214 (Separation date within 3 years of the beginning of that academic term)
  2. Lease (showing you are domicile in the District or Metro Area)
  3. State Issued ID with picture
The University of the District of Columbia is a public institution.

We have 3 different tuition rates inclusive of: In-state, Metro and Out-of-State. [http://www.udc.edu/docs/admissions/Residency%20Policy.pdf](http://www.udc.edu/docs/admissions/Residency%20Policy.pdf)
This office works as the liaison between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the student.

Every semester that you desire certification of VA Educational benefits, you must complete the VA Educational Enrollment Request Form. Here’s the link: [https://www.udc.edu/military/va-education-enrollment-form/](https://www.udc.edu/military/va-education-enrollment-form/)
Certification Timeline

- Receive required certification documents for students file.
- The student completes the request for certification.
- Student is certified an initial time for only credit hours so that the Department of Veterans Affairs begins to process book allowance and housing allowance. Although all students do not get a housing and book allowance, all students are processed in this manner to create uniformity amongst all students receiving GI Bill benefits.
- Create and disburse Office of Military and Veteran Student Services book vouchers for Vocational Rehabilitation Students who have enrolled for the upcoming semester.
- Alert the registrar’s office regarding students who should be protected from the university purge because they are receiving VA educational benefits.
Certification Timeline

- Wait until after the add/drop date to re-certify students, this time requesting funds to cover the students tuition and fees. Additionally, the student’s credit hours from the initial certification are confirmed and a check for any non-federal funds that must be reported to the VA, i.e. scholarships.

- For Vocational Rehabilitation students, the charges from the bookstore are retrieved and reviewing. An invoice inclusive of tuition, fees and bookstore charges are then created and sent to the respective Vocational Rehabilitation offices for payment.

- Await the funds that should arrive within 14-30 business days after they are requested.
Certification

Remember, I certify you two times each semester.

- The first time occurs before the semester begins to give the Department of Veterans Affairs a chance to process a student's BAH and book voucher if applicable (Chapter 33).
- The second certification occurs after the add/drop deadline.

Both times you will get an email from the VA when any changes or updates occur to your account.
When you are being certified, I am letting the VA know the amount of credit hours in which you have enrolled. If that changes, please let me know so that I can adjust your certification.

If I do not update it, the VA might overpay you, which will result in delays in future payment or having to repay the VA.

Also, be sure you are taking courses that are directly aligned with your academic plan.
Certification

- Still have certification questions?
- Please email me at Sequoyah.adebayo@udc.edu
Do you have any Military credits to transfer in?

The Joint Services Transcript (JST) is a synchronized transcript presenting data for the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard.

Each JST is “owned” by the service member’s or veteran’s specific service, so you will see each services seal with the American Council on Education (ACE) seal on the top.

Electronic JST are free.
Transfer Credit

Web Resources
ACE Transcript Website
www.acenet.edu/militaryprograms/jst
Joint Services Transcript
https://jst.doded.mil

Contact Service-Specific Email Support
Army JST
Password Reset or access issues ONLY:
usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-jst@mail.mil
All other inquiries:
open a new inquiry using your JST account

Marine JST
jst@doded.mil

NavyJST
jst@doded.mil

Coast Guard JST
CGI-SMB-JST@uscg.mil

JST Operations
jst@doded.mil
The purpose of the Health Services is to ensure a healthy campus environment and to promote individual health to all members of our University community.

Everyone must have insurance.

If you would like to keep the University Health insurance, DO NOT complete the waiver.

If you would like to waive the insurance, the Insurance waive site www.FirstStudent.com will open from 8/1/2018-9/1/2018 to waive coverage for Fall 2019 school year.
Get Involved

- We have an active Veterans Student Organization (VSO) on campus.
- Join us for meetings.
- Check out our webpage for times and locations.
- Volunteer with us.
Check your email
Communicate needs/ issues before the problem gets too bad.
Never feel that you are alone.
Incorporate time management skills into your daily routines.
Be organized.
Most importantly, stay focused on all of your dreams and aspirations that begin after you earn this degree!!
THANK YOU VETERANS