

CAMPUS COLLABORATION

In addition to assisting student Veterans, MDVA's Higher Education Veterans Program provide support to Minnesota colleges and universities in the creation and maintenance of Veteran-friendly policies, procedures such as delayed tuition payment, residency status, military transfer credits, and more. Regional Coordinators throughout the state also work with colleges and universities to:

- Create on-campus Veterans Resource Centers.
- Coordinate on and off campus Veterans services information.
- Approve Veteran Status for Minnesota GI Bill applicants.

The training and experience you've received through your faithful service to this nation is invaluable.

Now, you're ready to take the next step and earn a college degree.

In order to assist Veterans, current military members and their families—from enrollment through graduation—MDVA created Higher Education Veterans Program.

Whether you have questions about how to apply for college, how to receive your earned education benefits, or what to do if you're called up to active duty mid-semester, we're here to help.

Call **1-888-LinkVet (546-5838)** to find your coordinator and learn more about your education benefits.



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HIGHER EDUCATION VETERANS PROGRAM



SERVING VETERANS THROUGHOUT MINNESOTA

YOUR ON-CAMPUS RESOURCE

Did you know there is most likely an MDVA representative on your campus, specifically dedicated to helping you succeed? On-Campus Resource Centers, located on all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) and most private campuses throughout Minnesota, offer a welcoming environment where Veterans and their families can ask questions and discuss issues specifically related to students who are Veterans.

CENTERS INCLUDE:

- Comprehensive information about benefits and resources.
- Knowledgeable staff to guide you through everything from military transfer credits to Veteran resident status and more.
- Computer labs to aid in the application and enrollment process.
- A space for Veterans and their families to interact and connect with each other.

QUESTIONS?

We're on hand seven days a week to answer your questions and provide support throughout your academic tenure.

Call us at **1-888-LinkVet (546-5838)**
or access live online chat at
MyMilitaryEducation.org

YOUR LIFE IN COLLEGE

As a student who is also a Veteran, you'll face challenges that your civilian classmates will not.

Here's a look at some of what you can expect to encounter during your academic tenure.



VETERANS BENEFITS

Many Veterans entering college are not aware of which state and federal benefits they are entitled to, or how to begin receiving them. Benefits can include (but are not limited to):

- Education Assistance
- Surviving Spouse/Dependent Education Benefits
- MN GI Bill
- State Tuition Reimbursement
- Federal Tuition Assistance

CAMPUS LIFE & INVOLVEMENT

College is about more than attending classes. Resource Center representatives support a variety of clubs and activities to help Veterans assimilate into college life. They also work closely with campus service providers to ensure adequate resources for disabled Veterans or those who need academic assistance.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

You are entitled to certain rights as a military or Veteran student. For example, if you're called to active duty during the academic year, you have options for deferring classes.

You also have responsibilities to your university and the military, including:

- Paying tuition promptly upon receipt of benefits.
- Reporting any change in status, including class drops/adds.
- Verifying your attendance monthly through Web Automated Verification of Enrollment by calling **(877) 823-2378** or by visiting **www.gibill.va.gov/wave**.
- Informing instructors and advisors of deployment/activation orders.

YOUR PLAN FOR SUCCESS

As a Veteran, you know that achievable goals and a solid plan equal future success. That's why MDVA has partnered with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Minnesota Army National Guard to create MyMilitary GPS (Goals + Plan = Success) LifePlan. GPS LifePlan is an interactive, online resource for Veterans, military personnel and their families designed to assist you in setting goals for your education, career and beyond. Check it out at **www.gpslifeplan.org**.

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