A Special Message from our Director
GW serves over 1,700 military affiliated students and their families

data from 2018-2019 survey
Our Team
Over 20 years experience in higher education. Helped found GW’s Office of Military and Veteran Student Services in 2008.

Led implementation team for GW’s Yellow Ribbon Program.

Teaches higher education administration courses as a visiting professor in GW’s Graduate School of Education and Human Development.
April Clark
Assistant Director

Retired (Air Force) in 2017

+15 years in leadership coaching and personal & professional development

Transition Success Coach helping veterans pivot to post-military life

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Veterans Success On Campus (VSOC)
VSOC MISSION

- Make/keep students aware of VA educational/employment benefits
- Assist in military to civilian/college transition
- Support their individualized educational/employment goals
- Contacting VRE Counselors (Chapter 31)
Benefits Processing
Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

- Proof of VA entitlement, not proof of income
- May use screenshot of eBenefits for first semester only
- Updated COE every time entitlement changes
Social Security Number

- Submitted through Registrar or by completing FAFSA
- May be asked to scan SSN card for verification
- One time submission
- If using Chapter 35, include sponsor’s SSN on Request for Certification
Request for Certification

- Request is made through GWeb
- MUST request prior to starts of each term/semester (Fall, Spring, Summer)
- Include Sponsor SSN (Chapter 35 only)
- Fall 2022 requests open June/July
Admitted Student Checklist

- **VA EDUCATION CALL CENTER** (888-442-4551/va.gov) to discuss specifics on your benefits, request a Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

- **SEND YOUR COE** to our office (scan/email). We can take eBenefits screenshot (1st semester). Need official COE to process benefits beyond 1st semester

- **FILE THE FAFSA** (needed for loans and university aid)

- **REGISTER** for classes

- **REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION** in GWeb (Student Records/Registration > Veteran Menu); must request certification **EACH SEMESTER** you plan to use benefits
Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) & Book Stipend

- MHA is not paid to active duty or spouse receiving BAH
- Based on E-5 with dependent BAH rate and zip code of class location
- Must be enrolled MORE THAN HALF TIME with at least 1 “in person” class
- Full-time student at Foggy Bottom campus – approximately $2500
- Full-time student at Ashburn campus – approximately $2300
- Students enrolled in online programs receive half the national average – approximately $900
- VA requires students to verify their enrollment each month
- VA pays a month behind and pro-rated, when applicable
- Book stipend pays ~$42/credit up to $1000 for the academic year
GW has partnered with the VA in the Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP) to help close the gap in the cost of education.

YRP Eligibility requirements:

• **Actively using Chapter 33 for Post 9/11 GI Bill**

• **Eligibility at 100% rate**
  (NOT disability rating; NOT percent transferred)

• **Starting Fall 2022 (August 1), YRP will extend to Active Duty (spouses).**
### 2022-23 Post 9/11 GI Bill and YRP Caps

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YRP Example

General Washington is using the Post 9/11 GI Bill towards an undergraduate degree at GW. Their eligibility rating is 100%.

- Tuition + fees for the fall semester is $30,000
- MVS bills the VA $30,000
- VA would pay out $26,381.37 (GI) + $1809.31 (YRP)
- GW would match $1809.31 (YRP)
- The out-of-pocket cost for the fall semester is $0.01
- GI Bill cap is exhausted; remaining YRP cap is $22,131.38
- Caps reset each academic year
36-Months of Entitlement

- Student have a 36-month window of entitlement
- Full-time students use approximately 4.5 months of GI Bill each semester
- 4.5 months x 8 semesters (equivalent to 4 years of school) is 36
- Students who are 100% eligible and start GW with 36 months of entitlement should be able to graduate with little to no out-of-pocket costs.

- The VA only counts time you are enrolled; breaks over 7 days do not count
- Part-time students use a fraction of the time; enrolled half-time uses 50% fewer months of entitlement

- Best way for MVS to help you maximize your benefits--send updated COE
- Contact us if you have questions about your entitlement window
Certification Process

**First**, we “Zero Cert”

- This certification process begin after registration but before classes start
- Certifies your enrollment without the tuition charges
- Triggers MHA payments and book stipend (Post 9/11 only)

**Then**, we “Certifying for Tuition”

- This certification process begins after the add/drop period*
- VA sends tuition payments to school or stipend student (depending on benefit)

* MUST contact us anytime # of credits changes (including withdraws/leaves of absence)
Typically, bills for GW are due by the first day of class.

“Do I need to pay the entire bill before the semester, if I am using VA benefits, before the first day of classes?”

No. As long as the student requests certification before the term begins, the MVS Office will work with Student Accounts to prevent any late fees or finance charges while waiting for the VA Benefits to come through. The only payments the student is responsible for are “out-of-pocket” expenses including: housing, dining, study abroad, etc. Please contact the office directly with questions regarding certification status, your bill, or payment.
VA Policies
Study Abroad must be REQUIRED for graduation.

If approved, the VA will pay:
- Tuition and fees
- Books and supplies
- MHA based on home school's program location

The VA will NOT pay:
- costs related to travel (airfare, lodging, and meals)
- Third party charges

Most GW programs do not have a study abroad requirement.
One Degree & Round Out

The VA will pay for ONE DEGREE at a time unless:
- Course(s) required for admission to the next level

*Can take course(s) at more than one school (with parent letter)

ROUND OUT can be used for the purpose of being full-time
- Allowed only in the final academic term
  - Must be included within the program
  - Would count towards graduation requirement

Example: As a requirement, student has a choice to take 2 of 4 courses during their last term. They decide to take all 4 to be considered full-time. The additional courses are not required to graduate but the VA will allow the round out because the courses are specifically named in the curriculum.
Satisfactory Academic Progress

SAP is the minimum standard for an institution to be eligible for university funds. Students who do not meet minimum standards of SAP risk losing institutional funds and will not be eligible to use YRP.

Undergrad students SAP GPA is 2.0 | Graduate Student SAP GPA is 3.0
Students will receive SAP warning after one semester.

Thinking about withdrawing from a class? Will this impact my VA benefits?

YES!

Please, notify MVS as soon as possible. Depending on the timing, you may be eligible for a tuition refund. If too much time has passed, the student may become responsible for payment.
Mitigating Circumstances are (1) beyond the student’s control that prevent the student from continuing in school or (2) that cause the student to reduce credits.

Examples may include:

- Illness/death in the immediate family
- Student’s illness/injury during enrollment period
- Family/financial obligations, childcare arrangements
- Unanticipated active military service, including active duty for training

Contact us immediately if you believe you have mitigating circumstances affecting your enrollment.
Student Resources & GW Vets
The more you know!

Uniquely Targeted Programming

Tutoring Assistance

Career Services

Scholarships

VA Work Study
In Fall 2016, GW opened the Military Community Center in order to enrich the support for military affiliated students.

The MCC has a lounge and plenty of study space!
Dog Tags Newsletter

Bi-Monthly newsletter with:

● Important policy reminders
● Upcoming events in/around GW
● Scholarship info
● Job/internship postings

Email vetserve@gwu.edu to subscribe
Social Media

Instagram: @gwvets
Thank You!

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Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm

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Be sure to check out our Student Resources and FAQs!