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## ***Military Service & Veterans' Benefits***

The Veterans Resource Coordinator actively works with Student Financial Services staff regarding implementation and the processing of Tuition Assistance payments, veteran benefits and financial aid awards. Student Financial Services staff members will assist for military service, veterans and dependent family members:

1. Monitoring/processing in-state residency requirement
2. Assisting veterans with tuition/payment information related to the G.I. Bill
3. Processing Veteran's Payment Plan
4. Review financial aid, scholarship, work-study and student loan information
5. Administer financial aid policy for G.I. Bill and VR&E beneficiaries

### Transfer Credits for Basic Military Training

Dutchess Community College follows the recommendations of the American Council on Education for granting credit for military courses and educational experiences for full-time or part-time matriculated students:

Request your official free transcript of ACE credit recommendations for military training at: *Joint Services Transcript* web-link: <https://jst.doded.mil/>

Students who served in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard may receive transfer credits with the submission of their DD 214:

- ▶ WFE 101 (3 credits), Lifetime Wellness and Fitness

Please visit DCC's new Student Veteran Resource Center/lounge in Hudson rm.212. All registered students are allowed to use this room, and utilize all resources available. Contact Veteran's Resource Coordinator, Stewart Dawes at (845) 431-8339 or e-mail: [dawes@sunydutchess.edu](mailto:dawes@sunydutchess.edu).

### **Admissions with Advanced Standing (Transfer Credits)**

Dutchess Community College grants credits for those non-traditional educational experiences, including military experience, that are approved by the American Council on Education and are applicable to the curriculum in which a student is matriculating.

### **Servicemembers Opportunity College**

DCC participates in the *Servicemembers Opportunity College Program*. Through this program, men and women in the armed forces may receive academic advisement from Dutchess on a continuing basis, no matter where they may be assigned in military duty. They may take approved courses at any conveniently located institution for credit toward a degree to be granted by DCC. Information about the Servicemembers Opportunity College is available from the Admissions Office.

## **New York State Financial Aid Programs**

*Veterans Tuition Award:* Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, or other eligible combat veterans matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program in New York State are eligible for awards for full or part-time study.

## **Other Governmental Sources of Aid**

*Veterans Benefits:* Dutchess Community College is approved for study under the Title 38 US Code: Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty), Chapter 31 (Vocation Rehabilitation Act), Chapter 32, Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill), Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance.

*Other Military Related Programs:* Chapter 1606 Montgomery G.I. Bill (Selective Service), Chapter 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), Army Tuition Assistance Program, National Guard & Naval Militia Tuition Assistance Programs, and Military Spouse Career Advancement Account (MyCAA). Benefits for educational plans are determined by the VA certification process and DCC enrollment status. For more information and applications, contact the Veteran’s Resource Coordinator located in Hudson Hall, Room 212.

*War Orphans Educational Assistance Act.* Educational benefits are provided to children of veterans who died in service or as a result of a disability received while in service. Students who believe that they may be eligible for those benefits are urged to discuss the matter with their local Veterans Administration Office.

## **Re-Admission**

Re-admission to Dutchess Community College is necessary for students who have not been in attendance according to the criteria below and were previously matriculated (degree-seeking) and wish to re-enter as a degree-seeking student. In order to be re-admitted students must officially apply for re-admission. Re-admitted students are matriculated under the catalog term of their returning semester and are required to meet degree and program requirements in place at the time of re-admission. Official transcripts from each college attended since leaving DCC should be submitted for review if applicable.

*Re-admission is required for students who meet any of the following criteria:*

- You previously applied and were accepted to DCC but never attended.
- You were accepted to DCC and attended, but since had a break of two or more consecutive semesters in your enrollment (excluding summer and winter terms).
- You were academically dismissed from the college and lost your matriculation status.
- You were non-academically dismissed from the college and lost your matriculation status.
- You have graduated from DCC and are looking to return to pursue a second degree.
- All Service members and reservists can re-admit to a program if they were temporarily unable to attend class or have to suspend their studies due to service requirements.

You can download the Re-Admission Request Form and submit it to the Admissions Office (<https://www.sunydutchess.edu/assets/ApplicationForReadmission.pdf>) or you may apply for re-admission using the online form (<https://connect.sunydutchess.edu/register/readmit>).

## **CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS WITH MILITARY BACKGROUNDS**

1. Contact the Financial Aid Office and **Certifying VA Official** to apply for your VA Educational Benefits.  
Please bring:
  - a) Your Application for VA or **Certificate of Eligibility** (C.O.E.)
  - b) Long form DD214 listing honorable discharge
  - c) Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) form if Active Reserves
  - d) Change of Program or Place of Training form if you are a transfer student (VA Form 22-1995)
2. Apply for FAFSA- See below
3. Not using the GIBill, apply for NYS TAP (Tuition assistance)- See below with HESC
4. Visit <http://www.veterans.ny.gov> to use the NYS Veterans Education Benefits Calculator and learn about NY State specific benefits.
5. Visit [www.studentveterans.org](http://www.studentveterans.org) to learn about national student Veteran organizations.
6. Contact the **VA Hotline** for additional information: **1 888-442-4551**      **Fax: 1 716-857-3192**

**GENERAL INFORMATION** about VA Benefits can be found on [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

**To apply for benefits:** [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov) → **Apply for Educational Benefits** → **Ed Benefits Application**

Federal Student Aid (Pell Grant) provides student financial aid based on family income. Students can apply on-line for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

NYS Higher Education Services Corp (HESC) provides financial assistance to eligible veterans and limited assistance to a child of a veteran. Please call 1-888-697-4372, to get current information. Also see website HESC.org. Please link to HESC's Military Corner: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/military-corner.html>

For MyCAA Benefits, please visit [www.MilitaryOneSource.com](http://www.MilitaryOneSource.com) for free resources and consultations for Active Duty Service Members, Veterans, and their families.

### VA Benefits for Summer Sessions:

#### 3-week Winter session

3 credits = full-time

2 credits = ½ time

Less than 2 credits = tuition & fees

#### 6-week session

5 credits = full-time

4 credits = ¾ time

3 credits = ½ time

Less than 3 credits = tuition & fees

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

### **Buffalo Service Center**

VA Regional Processing Office  
130 South Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Hotline: 1-888-442-4551  
Fax: 1-716-857-3192

### National Tests

Military Service Members can be reimbursed the fee charged for national admission tests and national tests for college credit.