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COLLEGE CREDIT FOR MILITARY EDUCATION

Misericordia acknowledges many men and women of the US armed forces have obtained education while serving. Veteran and military students may receive undergraduate credits for basic training and other formal education while in the military.



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STUDENT SERVICES

Academic support, tutoring, writing assistance, Counseling & Psychological Services, Office for Students with Disabilities, Service Learning, and computer labs.

CAREER SERVICES

On campus services through counseling, job search resources, workshops/events/career fairs.

SCHOLARSHIP

Misericordia University offers military students enrolled full-time an annual McAuley Award, which rewards students for their service.

**Applies to students who checked off military affiliation on the MU application.*

YELLOW RIBBON

Misericordia University participates in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program. The Yellow Ribbon program provides additional funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs to supplement the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp

"As a community, we are committed to integrity and the values of the Sisters of Mercy as the foundation of university life"

USING YOUR GI BILL BENEFITS AND MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE AT MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

In order to apply for educational benefits, Chapter 30, Chapter 33, Chapter 35, and Chapters 1606 and 1607, Veterans Affairs requires a completed VA FORM 22-1990. For Chapter 31 complete VA FORM 28-1905. The forms can be completed online at vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/default.asp. Contact admissions or the VA certifying official for assistance in using benefits.

Military Tuition Assistance (TA) assists eligible members of the military pay for college tuition. For information on military Tuition Assistance (TA) contact the specific branch of service, which have their own standards for eligibility and provide specific application information.



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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

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Higher Ed Spotlight Undergraduate Student Veterans



Over 5 million post-9/11 service members are expected to transition out of the military by 2020. Since the enactment of the Post-9/11 GI Bill in 2008, Americans have invested over \$42 billion on educating many of these transitioning service members. However, little is known about student veterans and their enrollment characteristics at a time when higher education and policymakers need to better understand the needs of this growing, posttraditional undergraduate population.



Student Veterans Pursue Nontraditional Pathways to Higher Education

Veterans in college make up a small percentage of undergraduates
4% of undergraduates are veterans

5 years =

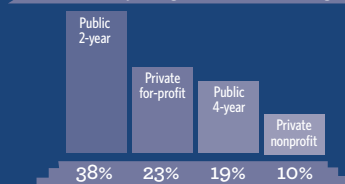


the average time veterans delay entering college after graduating from high school

44% are in bachelor's degree programs

54% are in associate degree or certificate programs

A Majority of Veterans are Enrolled in Community Colleges and For-Profit Colleges



23% of veterans attend a college located more than 100 miles from their home



61% took classes online, at night, or on weekends (alternative coursework)



90% of those who took alternative courses did so online

Student Veterans Come from Diverse Backgrounds



On average, at the start of their postsecondary education veterans are
25 years old



21% are female



44% are married



52% have dependents

1 in 5 Veterans in College Major in STEM Fields

20% are in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) fields



A Large Share of Veterans Work While in College



42% work full-time while in college (excluding work study)

Most Veterans Apply for and Receive Financial Aid



*Includes all aid sources, such as federal, state, and institutional grants, loans, work-study, as well as Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense benefits.

Not All Veterans Receive Veterans' Education Benefits



Sources: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2011-2012 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study. All results are weighted (WTA000), and do not include active duty, reserve, or National Guard undergraduates.

Analysis by Dani Molina, Graduate Research Associate
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<http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Documents/Higher-ed-spotlightundergraduestudent-veterans.pdf>

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Currently enrolled veterans that have stated on the admissions application that they have served or those receiving GI benefits receive priority registration at Misericordia University. For more information contact the registrar.

USEFUL LINKS

COUNTRY CLUB APARTMENTS IN DALLAS, PA:

Offer a variety of assistance for Veterans. This may include: reduced rent, and other support depending on the unique situation. <http://countryclubapartmentspa.com/>

MESOTHELIOMA & ASBESTOS AWARENESS

www.mesothelioma.com or <https://www.maacenter.org/>

VETERAN'S GUIDE FOR ACADEMIC AID AND PROGRAMS

<https://collegestats.org/resources/veterans-college-guide/>

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID FOR VETERANS

<http://www.learnhowtobecome.org/college/financial-aid-for-veterans/>