# Vincennes University Military Education Program

#### WWW.GIBILL.VA.GOV

Visit www.gibill.va.gov for more information about specific education benefits including eligibility requirements and benefit payment rates.

#### THE VET CENTER

The Vet Center offers
readjustment counseling,
referrals for benefits,
marital and family
counselling, substance
abuse information, sexual
trauma counseling,
community education, and
job counseling and
placement for veterans. Call
(812) 473-5993 for more
information.

## **Have Questions?**

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# Tips for New College Veterans

- ✓ Apply for Admission: Students can apply to Vincennes University online at www.vinu.edu/apply-now.
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is a form that determines your eligibility for low- or no-interest student loans as well as grants at the federal and state level. Visit the FAFSA Website to fill out and submit the application: https://fafsa.ed.gov/
- ✓ **Apply for GI Bill Benefits:** Veterans can apply for GI Bill Benefits by completing the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) at www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/default.asp:
  - If you have already used your VA Education benefits at an anther institution, you can transfer your benefits to Vincennes University by filling out VA Form 22-1995 (GI Bill) or VA Form 22-5495 (Chapter 35) online using VONAAP.
- ✓ **Apply for Scholarships:** Contact the Vincennes University Foundation Office at (812) 888-4510 for scholarship information and application procedures. You can also apply online here: www.vinu.edu/scholarships
- ✓ **Submit Military Transcripts or DD214:** Your military training may equate to academic credit at Vincennes University.
- ✓ **Apply for Campus Housing:** If you would like to live on campus, it's best to apply for student housing with Housing and Residential Life as early as possible. For more information contact Housing and Residential Life at (812) 888-4225 or housing@vinu.edu.
- ✓ Attend Start VU: By attending new student orientation, you can learn about student organizations and popular activities around campus. You will also have the opportunity to meet with your academic advisor who will help you plan your first semester and academic career. You can register for Start VU online. For more information contact the Admissions Office at (800) 742-9198 or vuadmit@vinu.edu.
- ✓ Visit Veterans Support Services (VSS): We love to meet Veteran students and dependents. Feel free to stop by Veterans Support Services, we are here to help! Or, feel free to contact Kristen Phillips at (812) 888-5421 or kphillips@vinu.edu.

### I've applied for benefits. What now?

Once you've applied for benefits, the VA will process your claim and send you a Certificate of Eligibility outlining the benefits available to you. Send a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility to our office either by mail, fax, or email.

Once you have registered for classes, you will need to sign a Student Benefits Agreement and complete a Request for Certification Form in order to be certified. You can find copies of these forms on our website: www.vinu.edu/veterans.

#### Do I have to reapply for benefits each semester?

No, you don't need to reapply for your benefits each semester. You just need to complete a Request for Certification Form once you register for a new semester so your classes can be certified and your benefit payments processed. You should also notify VSS when you add a new class after your initial registration, withdrawal from a class, or change your major so those changes can sent to the VA.

If you wish to change your location of training, you must complete VA Form 22-1995 (Request for Change of Program or Place of Training).