Military and Veteran Affairs

Georgia Southern recognizes that military-affiliated students often face challenging obstacles in the pursuit of a college degree. As part of the University’s ongoing commitment to provide educational opportunities to the military population, in the Fall of 2013 Georgia Southern created the office of Military and Veterans Affairs. The office provides a comprehensive military and veteran-friendly education support program that engages military-affiliated students from admissions to career placement to help them pursue and achieve their academic and professional goals.

Military Resource Center

In collaboration with a variety of University departments and organizations, the Military Resource Center (MRC) provides assistance, connection, camaraderie, coordinated services, and resources to ensure that all military connected students are afforded the greatest opportunities for success. Members of our military community will experience individually-tailored support of the highest quality through the MRC. Students can get information about the application and admissions process, education benefits, and prior learning assessments to determine credit for military training. MRCs provide access to computers, a resource library, peer-to-peer mentoring and tutoring programs, referrals to other campus and community resources, and information about the Student Veterans of America Chapters at each campus. The Centers at Armstrong and Statesboro have lounges known as “The Eagles Nest” that provide a designated space for military-affiliated students to network, study, and relax. The lounges include a kitchenette and social space that has couches, books, magazines, a television, movies and video game consoles. The MRC at the Statesboro Campus is located in the Russell Student Union and the Center at the Armstrong Campus can be found in the Pirate Athletic Center.

Veterans’ Assistance Programs

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) provides educational benefits under several programs. Eligibility is determined by DVA. Veterans or dependents of certain veterans who wish to attend Georgia Southern University under any of the veterans’ benefits programs should contact the Veterans Coordinator located in Military Resource Center (MRC) for assistance at (912) 478-5154 or the Veterans Administrative Assistant at (912) 478-8043 or email veterans@georgiasouthern.edu. The Veterans Coordinator is responsible for assisting veteran students with the processing of VA forms for educational benefits. Students will be advised of procedural requirements and certification of enrollment will be verified to DVA.

Veterans who have service-connected disabilities and are eligible for disability compensation may qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation. Disabled veterans who think they qualify for this assistance are encouraged to contact the Department of Veterans Administration for further information.

Georgia Southern encourages all veterans to take advantage of college credit that may be granted for military training, as well as the credit by examination programs. Veterans requesting college credit for military training must provide Military and Veteran Affairs with an official military transcript for evaluation.

Military and Veteran Affairs will evaluate transfer Credit for Military Service based on completion of basic military training. A form DD-214 should be furnished to Military and Veteran Affairs for evaluation. Two (2) credit hours will be allowed for Kinesiology PE Credit for active service less than one year. Four (4) credit hours will be allowed for Kinesiology PE Credit for one year or more active service. For more information please visit our web page at em.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/students/veteranaffairs.