

VETERAN'S EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT INFORMATION

You served our country, now let us serve you.



DSU
DAKOTA STATE

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION TO THE UNIVERSITY

1. Complete an application for admission and submit online or to DSU Admissions Office.

dsu.edu/admissions/apply-now

2. Select a program of study (a requirement for VA benefits).
3. Submit an official high school transcript.
4. Submit official college transcripts from all accredited institutions you have attended, including military. These transcripts must be sent directly from the transfer institutions.

<https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do>

5. Once you have received an acceptance letter you may register for classes.
6. An Academic Advisor will assist you in planning a class schedule.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

The VA requires veterans receiving benefits to attend all scheduled class meetings. ***Failure to do so may result in the loss of benefits and pay back of veterans benefits already received for the semester in question.***



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WWW.BENEFITS.VA.GOV/GIBILL/APPLY.ASP | 1-888-442-4551

The following must be submitted for the certification process to begin. No forms will be accepted individually. It is the veteran's responsibility to assemble all needed materials and submit them to the Veterans' Services Office.

Applicants Under Chapters 30

1. New applicants complete VA Form 22-1990
2. Transfer students complete VA Form 22-1995
3. Submit copies of:
 - DD214 Report of Separation
 - Form 22-1990 or 22-1995
 - VA award letter
 - Kicker contract (*if applicable*)

Applicants Under Chapter 33

1. New applicants complete VA Form 22-1990
2. Transfer students complete VA Form 22-1995
3. Submit Copies of:
 - DD 214 Report of Separation
 - Form 22-1990 or 22-1995
 - VA Certificate of Eligibility
 - Kicker contract (*if applicable*)

Applicants Under Chapter 35

1. New applicants must complete VA Form 22-5490
2. Transfer students must complete VA Form 22-5495

Applicants Under Chapter 1606 (Reserves)

1. New applicants complete VA Form 22-1990
2. Transfer students complete VA Form 22-1995
3. Submit copy of DD2384 Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) or DD-214
4. Kicker paperwork (*if applicable*)

Applicants Under Chapter 1607 (REAP)

1. New applicants complete VA Form 22-1990
2. Transfer students complete VA Form 22-1995
3. Submit copy of DD2384 Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)
4. Submit a copy of DD214 Report of Separation
5. Kicker paperwork (*if applicable*)

OTHER BENEFITS

CLEP for Military

clep.collegeboard.org/military

The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) offers you the opportunity to earn college credit for what you already know by earning qualifying scores on any of 33 introductory-level college subject examinations. Because the exams are funded by the United States government through the Defense Activity for Non Traditional Education Support (DANTES), you could save hundreds, even thousands, of dollars toward your degree.

Tutorial Assistance

A veteran is eligible to receive up to \$600 for tutorial assistance if approved by Veterans' Services. Chapter 1606 applicants will not be paid for receiving tutorial assistance.

Work Study

The work study program allows a VA student to earn the Federal or State minimum wage (whichever is higher) for up to 1,300 hours per year (25 hours per week). The benefit is tax free and allows each VA student to "earn while they learn" while he or she is pursuing an approved post-secondary program of education on at least a 3/4-time basis.

The VA work study student may only perform VA related work. This work might include preparing and processing VA enrollment certifications, checking VA students attendance records or checking for course changes.

Entitlement to Benefits

This school certifies your enrollments status, programs and academic progress. All questions concerning payment are to be referred to the Department of Veteran's Affairs at 1-888-442-4551 or by sending an email inquiry by going to www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/contact_us.asp

Other benefit information:

www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/.

		GRADUATE STUDENTS	
<u>Status</u>	<u>Full Semester Credits</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Full Semester Credits</u>
Full-time	12 hours	Full-time	9 hours
3/4 time	9 hours	1/2 time	6 hours
1/2 time	6 hours		

VETERAN'S STANDARDS OF PROGRESS

Veteran's Services **will not** pay educational benefits if one of the following should occur:

- The Veteran registers for classes that are not specified as necessary for the declared programs of study. Depending on circumstances, deficiency or remedial courses, may be certified for benefits.
- The veteran fails to submit all previous college transcripts for evaluation.
- The veteran registers for two or more courses and receives “F”, “U”, or “RU” grades for all courses for one semester.
- The veteran fails to convert an “I” grade to a letter grade within one year from receipt of the “I” grade.
- The veteran fails to attend class for the semester VA benefits are received.
- The veteran fails to achieve the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for two consecutive semesters.
- Withdrawals— May result in an overpayment from the VA , which would have to be repaid.
- The veteran, like all students at this school will be placed on academic probation during the first semester the minimum GPA of 2.0 is not achieved. By the end of the probation semester, the veteran must attain the minimum cumulative GPA. The college cannot certify the veteran for benefits until a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 has been achieved.

PRINCIPALS OF EXCELLENCE FOR VETS & THEIR DEPENDENTS

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



STATE AUTHORIZATION /RECRUITING

Dakota State University agrees to comply with the principals in EO 13607 and will comply with the regulations issued by the Department of Education (34 C.F.R. 668.71-668.75 and 668.14) related to the program integrity issues, including restrictions on recruitment, misrepresentation, and payment of incentive compensation.

Dakota State University agrees to comply with the principals in EO 13607 and will comply with the regulations issued by the Department of Education (34 C.F.R. 668.43, 668.71-668.75, 668.14 and 600.9) related to program integrity issues, including State authorization.

Dakota State University agrees to comply with the principals in EO 13607 and will follow regulations released by the Department of Education (34 C.F.R. 668.18) regarding readmission requirements for returning service members who seek readmission to a program that was interrupted due to a service obligation, and apply to those provisions to service members that are temporarily unable to attend classes for less than 30 days within a semester or similar enrollment period due to a service obligation. A description of the provisions for U.S. Armed Forces members and their families is provided in Chapter 3 of Volume 2 of the Federal Student Aid Handbook at www.ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1112FSAHbkVol2Master.pdf

Dakota State University agrees to comply with the principals in EO 13607 and will have a refund policy for service members, reservists, and family members who stop attending due to service obligations that complies with the Department of Education regulations set out at 34 C.F.R. 668.22. These requirements apply to all institutions that participate in the Title IV student aid programs, and generally provide that Title IV student aid is earned on a prorate basis during an enrollment period, with unearned funds returned based upon when a student stops attending.

Postsecondary institutions that participate in the Title IV student aid programs already meet this requirement with respect to Title IV funds provided to Title IV recipients. These postsecondary institutions should treat the funds provided from the Departments of Defense and the Veterans Administration received by non-Title IV recipients in the same manner in order to voluntarily comply with EO 13607.

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN

Dakota State University fulfills the requirement by disclosing general and specific degree requirements for all approved programs and insuring this information is available to the service member, veteran, benefits eligible family members and his or her service.

For service members, veterans or benefits eligible family members who have prior college coursework from other accredited institutions and/or relevant military training or other experiential learning, Dakota State University will evaluate this background and provide a student-specific preliminary program evaluation (evaluated education plan). This evaluation indicates the number of transfer credits that will be accepted and identifies special course requirements met through this prior coursework/training. This evaluation/plan is provided to the student and his/her adviser for initial placement testing and registration planning purposes and is updated as official transcripts and training verification are received.

MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD (SDCL § 33-6-5):

Any member of the South Dakota National Guard who is a resident of the state of South Dakota and who has met admission requirements is entitled to receive up to 50% tuition reduction for undergraduate courses if the eligibility requirements in SDCL § 33-6-7 are met

In order to receive benefits a person must apply to the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs according to SDCL § 33-6-8.



VETERANS AND OTHERS WHO PERFORMED WAR SERVICE (SDCL 13-55-2):

Veterans and others who performed active war service may pursue any undergraduate course of courses without payment of charges for tuition for each month of qualified service or major fraction thereof a month in academic time. No eligible person shall be entitled to less than one or more than four academic years of free tuition.

Residence at the time of entry into military service or active war service shall not affect eligibility for this entitlement. Eligibility is limited to persons who reside in this state and who:

- 1) Are veterans or others as defined in SDCL § 3314-2;
- 2) Are qualified for resident tuition
- 3) Comply with all the requirements for admission;
- 4) Are not entitled to have such tuition paid by the United States or are entitled to receive in part from the United States for education and training allowance and in part the expenses of his or her subsistence, tuition, fees, supplies, books and equipment per SDCL § 13-55-4.

Pursuant to SDCL § 13-55-3, the tuition waiver must be used within twenty years after the date proclaimed for the cessation of hostilities or within six years from and after the date of his or her discharge from the military service, whichever is later.

Please Visit: <http://www.vetaffairs.sd.gov/veteransserviceofficers/forms/SDDVA%20E-11%20Free%20Tuition%20Form.pdf>

SIOUX FALLS VET CENTER

www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=408



HELPFUL WEBSITES & CONTACT INFORMATION

DSU VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE
820 N. WASHINGTON AVE
MADISON, SD 57042

DSU Veteran's Service Office

Toll Free: 1-888-378-9988
Phone: 605-256-5185
Fax: 605-256-5020
dana.hoff@dsu.edu

DOL Employment Representative Services

South Dakota Department of Labor
223 South Van Eps #101
Madison, SD 57042
Phone: 605-256-5300

Sioux Falls Vet Center

601 South Cliff Ave Suite C
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Phone: 605-330-4552
Fax: 605-330-4554



DSU Website

dsu.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements/veteran-affairs

Employment and Training for South Dakota

www.dol.gov/vets/

Job Service

www.sdjobs.org

GI Bill Website

www.benefits.va.gov

Apply for GI Bill Benefits

www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/Applying.asp

More Information on SDCL 13-55-2

www.sdbor.edu/students/redtuit_Veterans.htm