

New Student Veteran Checklist

VA Education Benefits

BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY: Visit with your Education Officer to determine what benefits you are eligible to receive.

APPLY TO UND: Indicate service member, veteran or military-affiliated on your UND application.
 DIDN'T INDICATE...? Complete Residency Rate (below) to be billed the ND rate for tuition.

VA Education Application for Benefits: Visit www.va.gov to apply for your* education benefits and to get your Award Letter/Statement of Benefits (COE or NOBE) mailed to you. *Dependents must apply for benefits under their own name.

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY OR NOTICE OF BASIC ELIGIBILITY: Submit a copy of your VA education benefits award letter (COE or NOBE) to UND's Veteran & Military Services.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE: Aerospace students must also submit this document.

MEET WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR & ENROLL: Declare a major and have your academic advisor assist you in selecting classes that are necessary for your desired degree plan (the VA may not fund courses outside of declared degree plans).

ENROLL: Register in classes in order to use your education benefits.

USE YOUR BENEFITS: Complete the Veteran Certification Application *each semester* you wish to use your VA education benefits at UND. The application is available through the "Use Your Benefits" link, at UND.edu/military. If successfully completed, you will receive confirmation in your email.

VERIFY YOUR ATTENDANCE: Confirm your credits if you are receiving benefits under Ch30 or Ch1606 Montgomery GI bill by calling the VA at 1.877.823.2378 at the end of each month for the VA to disperse payment. Confirm your attendance for Ch33 Post-9/11 GI Bill by calling 1.888.442.4551.

Text Message Opt in: Students with a U.S. mobile phone number can use text messages as a simple, quick option for verifying monthly enrollment. As your enrollment approaches, you will receive a text informing you that you've been registered to receive texts for enrollment verification. Then, about 24 hours later, you'll receive the following opt-in text: "Post-9/11 GI Bill housing and kicker payments now require monthly enrollment verification. Would you like to submit yours via text? Please reply YES or NO." **Reply "YES" to opt in.** The text message link will expire **14 days after receipt**, so please respond within that time frame.

Text Message Verify: After opting in, you can verify your enrollment every month simply by responding to the following text message from VA: "Did you remain enrolled in your courses in MONTH YEAR as certified? Please reply YES or NO. If you have dropped all your courses, you must reply "NO". **Reply "YES" to verify enrollment for the previous month.** If you don't reply **within 6 days**, the conversation will expire, and you will need to call the Education Call Center (ECC) at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) domestically or 001-918-781-5678 internationally to verify your enrollment.

Military Affiliated Residency Rate for Tuition

GUARDS MEMBERS, RESERVISTS, ACTIVE DUTY, VETERANS:

If you did not indicate your military status on the UND application, you must complete this form, www.UND.edu/one-stop/tuition-fees/residency.html and attach your DD-214 or COE.

MILITARY DEPENDENTS:

Dependents (spouses and children*) of service members and veterans can receive North Dakota residency tuition rate at UND. Complete the Residency form, www.UND.edu/one-stop/tuition-fees/residency.html and attach the following items.

- Service Members DD-214, Form 4
- Birth or Marriage Certificate

* Stepchildren should submit all of the above to show the legal relationship.

Contact and Resource Guide

UND VETERAN & MILITARY SERVICES – UND.edu/military or 701.777.3363

The office is in McCannel Hall, Room 170. It includes Certifying Officials and a veteran lounge. Students should email documents and questions to vets@UND.edu.

*Approved Federal Tuition Assistance forms go to heidi.smart@UND.edu.

REGIONAL VA OFFICE – 888.442.4551

Phone Verification – 877.823.2378

Address Change/Direct Deposit – 888.442.4551

VA VETERAN READINESS & EMPLOYMENT IN FARGO, ND – 701.451.4652

GI BILL – www.gibill.va.gov or 888.442.4551

The website allows students to gain a better understanding of their education benefits and allows the student to apply for benefits, update their personal information, and gain access to a variety of resources. The VA's National Call Center answers general inquiry questions students may have about benefits or status of their application. Students can also visit their website and upload documents or inquire about benefits through their "Ask a Question" link.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS - UND.edu/student-life/accessibility-for-students/index.html
or 701.777.2664

Students with disabilities should contact this UND department to identify specific accommodations based on current academic courses.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER- UND.edu/student-life/counseling-center/index.html
Or 701.777.2127

The Counseling Center works to enhance the psychological growth, emotional well-being, and learning potential of students.