

MILITARY AND VETERANS PROGRAMS (MVP)

About MVP

New Mexico State University (NMSU) is a military and veteran-friendly university that strives to provide the best possible service for to for our military, veterans, and their dependents as they pursue their educational goals. NMSU Military and Veterans Programs promotes lifelong learning and professional development by offering:

- In-state tuition rates for active-duty military and their dependents stationed at regional military installations (including Ft. Bliss); or those eligible for U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Tuition Assistance (TA) or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits
- Transferable military credits that count toward degrees at NMSU
- Facilitation of MyCAA Scholarship for military spouses benefits and DoD TA education benefits
- Advocacy from admission to graduation
- Student Veteran Housing for student veterans and their families
- Priority registration for military and veteran students
- Aggies Green Zone Training, educating faculty and staff about our military and veteran students and the unique value they bring to campus
- SALUTE National Honor Society for student veterans
- Connection with the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) of NMSU
- Scholarships and Internship opportunities
- Veteran Mentorship Program, helping first-year student veterans transition to an academic setting successfully
- Processing of TA and VA education benefits
- Student Computer Lab and Lounge

NMSU degree programs are approved by the State Approving Agency (SAA) at the New Mexico Higher Education Department. Eligible students may receive education benefits from the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

For further information contact:

Military and Veterans Programs
MSC 4740, PO Box 30001
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<http://mvp.nmsu.edu>

MVP Student Computer Lab and Lounge

The MVP Student Computer Lab is available to military, veteran, and dependent students. The lab has six computers with several common access card (CAC) readers. A CAC reader enables students to access military websites to complete their TA requests. The Computer Lab is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We offer free copying and printing services to accommodate our students. The MVP Student Lounge has comfortable furniture, a coffee station, a kitchen (microwave/refrigerator) area, and a place to study and relax between classes. Students enjoy free coffee while doing their homework and networking with like-minded students.

Costs

Active-Duty

Active-duty military personnel (U.S. Armed Forces) stationed in New Mexico or at Fort Bliss, Texas, must complete a "Resident Tuition Application for Active Military, Veterans and Dependents of the U.S. Armed Forces" waiver to qualify for in-state tuition. Spouses and children of active-duty personnel stationed in New Mexico and Fort Bliss, Texas, who are not otherwise entitled to claim in-state residency, may apply for in-state tuition by submitting a "Resident Tuition Application for Active Military, Veterans and Dependents of the U.S. Armed Forces" waiver to the Military and Veterans Programs. Waivers are available at <http://mvp.nmsu.edu> (under the Forms tab) or through the University Student Records Office. Please contact MVP for the required documents needed to complete the waiver application.

NMSU Global Campus

NMSU Global Campus (<https://global.nmsu.edu>) includes 100% online bachelor's, master's, graduate certificate, and doctoral programs within the NMSU system. NMSU Global Campus programs are designed to serve students who may not be able to pursue an education through traditional means. Active-Duty students admitted to NMSU Global Campus must provide Military and Veterans Programs with supporting documentation to be assessed the Active Military \$250 per credit hour fixed rate. Please visit the Active Military Rate page from MVP or contact NMSU Global Campus at globaladmissions@nmsu.edu or 575-232-3718 for more information.

Dependents Receiving VA Educational Benefits

Per NM 2015 HB 427:

A spouse or child of a veteran of the United States Armed Forces is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for New Mexico residents; provided that the spouse or child is eligible for benefits pursuant to the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for a veteran and the dependents of a veteran. Students may complete a "Resident Tuition Application for Active Military, Veterans and Dependents of the U.S. Armed Forces" waiver to qualify for in-state tuition. Waivers are available at <http://mvp.nmsu.edu> (under the Forms tab), or through the University Student Records Office. Please contact MVP for the required documents needed to complete the waiver application.

Veterans

Veterans who are eligible for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits qualify for in-state tuition through the Veterans In-State Tuition Act by submitting a "Resident Tuition Application for Active Military, Veterans and Dependents of the U.S. Armed Forces" waiver to the Military and Veterans Programs. Waivers are available at <http://mvp.nmsu.edu> (under the Forms tab) or through the University Student Records Office. For further information concerning approved programs and the application process, eligible persons should contact Military and Veterans Programs.

Veteran students enrolled under the following programs are responsible for their tuition and fees in the same manner as a nonveteran student:

- Montgomery GI Bill®-Active Duty (Chapter 30)
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)
- Montgomery GI Bill®-Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

Allowing Veterans to Attend or Participate in Courses Pending VA Payment

Background

Section 103 of Public Law (PL) 115-407, 'Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018,' amends Title 38 US Code 3679 by adding a new subsection (e) that requires disapproval of courses of education, beginning August 1, 2019, at any educational institution that does not have a policy in place that will allow an individual to attend or participate in a course of education, pending VA payment, providing the individual submits a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33.

Pending Payment Compliance

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679(e), New Mexico State University adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-9/11 G.I. Bill® (Chapter 33) or Veteran Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from VA. New Mexico State University will not:

- Prevent the student's enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to the student;
- Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny the student's access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Provide a written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies

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Responsibility of Students Receiving VA Education Benefits

Students must pursue a degree in an approved program to be eligible for VA education benefits. Admission procedures for veterans and other eligible persons are the same for all students. Students must submit their degree plans or Student Academic Requirements (STAR) Degree Audit Report and Student Schedule to Military and Veterans Programs to be certified. Students must submit their degree plans or STAR Degree Audit Report and Student Schedule to MVP every semester they plan to use VA education benefits for continued certification.

Students using VA Education Benefits must notify MVP when any of the following occur:

- Dropping or adding course(s)
- Withdrawing from course(s)
- Withdrawing from the University
- Discontinuing regular class attendance
- Changing programs (academic majors/minors)

VA education benefits are payable for regular attendance in courses required by the student's program (major/minor) curriculum. VA education benefits are not payable for:

- Classes not attended regularly
- Repeating a course for which a passing grade meets degree requirements
- Classes for which credit is received through successful completion of a proficiency test or grade by examination
- Classes taken on an audit basis
- Classes that are dropped or withdrawn from
- Classes taken that are not required by the student's program (major/minor) curriculum

Tuition Assistance

Federal Tuition Assistance

Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. The Department of Defense (DoD) has authorized each service to pay up to \$250 per semester credit hour in tuition costs (excluding fees) per fiscal year (1 October to 30 September). TA must be requested and approved before the start date of the course. Refer to your military portal for specific TA deadlines and procedures. TA is paid directly to the school by the individual services.

Service members must first be admitted to NMSU before enrolling in any classes at NMSU. Before applying, speak with your military service or Educational Services Officer (ESO) to know your education options and make an informed decision. Please be aware of the following NMSU admission and registration process:

1. Service members must Apply Online (<https://apply.nmsu.edu/apply/?sr=f0ef65ec-60a5-445e-abbd-4b9ef76dab10>) to be admitted.,
2. Login to my.NMSU.edu to register for classes, and
3. Create an Account and Apply for TA with your military portal. Each service has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, the application process, and restrictions. Refer to our website for service login information: <https://mvp.nmsu.edu/military-members/federal-tuition-assistance.html>

It is important to request TA for the same class and section number as enrolled in NMSU for tuition and grading purposes. Only enrollments requested and approved through their service portal will be eligible for TA. Refer to our website for further information or contact the Military and Veterans Programs for assistance.

MyCAA Spouse Scholarship

The My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship Program is a career development and employment assistance program. MyCAA is

a program that provides financial assistance for military spouses who would like to pursue a license, certification, or up to an associate degree (excluding Associate Degrees in General Studies, Liberal Studies, and Interdisciplinary Studies that do not have a concentration). MyCAA provides a maximum education benefit of up to \$4,000 with an annual fiscal year (1 October to 30 September) cap of \$2,000 to assist eligible military spouses. Refer to our website for MyCAA eligibility and procedures at <https://mvp.nmsu.edu/military-members/mycaa-spouse-scholarship.html> or contact Military and Veterans Programs for assistance.

Regulations

Note: These regulations apply to all campuses of NMSU and are effective with the publication of this catalog. Tuition amounts, fees, and related items subject to annual review and change are all effective with the current catalog.

Credit for Military Service

New Mexico State University will award academic credit to United States military personnel for courses and Military Occupational Specialties (MOS), based on the American Council of Education Guide (ACE) as well as through national standardized tests, such as CLEP, AP, PEP, and DANTES. Credit for military training is in accordance with NMSU Faculty Senate Legislation Proposition 24-07/08, passed in May 2008. Military Training and Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) must have a recommendation evaluation by ACE (in the ACE Guide) for credit to be awarded. Courses accepted for transfer credit become part of the student's official NMSU transcript and academic record. If a student wishes to appeal a decision about accepting military training/education and/or MOS for academic credit, they must submit a written statement of appeal to the Dean of the College to which they applied. The Dean will review the merits of the appeal and render a decision. The decision of the Dean is final.

Only Primary MOS (s) are eligible for academic credit in the initial review and evaluation. Credit for Duty and/or Secondary MOS is eligible for academic credit if the student petitions the College's Associate Dean. Primary MOS is the primary specialty of a soldier and reflects the broadest and most in-depth scope of military experience. Veterans, active-duty personnel, National Guard, and Reservists who are current students or students applying for admission to New Mexico State University may be granted academic credit on a case-by-case basis upon evaluation of military transcripts - the Joint Services Transcript (<https://jst.doded.mil/jst>) and the Community College of the Air Force or Air University transcripts. Course equivalencies and credit hours awarded for a particular NMSU degree are determined by colleges and/or academic departments. The credit hours for specific courses toward degree requirements, or as elective credit, may be awarded. The college and/or academic department determine the number of credit hours awarded.

Students submitting military transcripts for credit evaluation must meet the Maximum Time Frame policy, see the Financial Aid Section for more information.

According to Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d) (3) and 21.4254(C)(4), the Department of Veterans Affairs requires all veterans receiving Veterans Affairs education benefits to submit their military transcripts - Joint Services Transcript and the Community College of the Air Force or Air University - to the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Admissions Office or NMSU Graduate School.

Graduate Student Status (Training Time)

VA education benefits are determined by the number of graduate credit hours of enrollment for a given semester. Listed below are the credit hours to determine the student status (training time) for graduate students.

Fall and Spring semesters, for 16-week terms, full-time enrollment is 9 or more credit hours: three-fourths time enrolled is 7 to 8 credit hours: half-time enrollment is 5 to 6 credit hours. Students enrolled less than 5 credit hours are reimbursed for tuition and allowable fees only.

For an 8-week term, full-time enrollment is 5 or more credit hours; three-fourths time enrollment is 4 credit hours: half-time enrollment is 3 credit hours. Students enrolled in less than 1-2 credit hours are reimbursed for tuition and allowable fees only.

Summer consists of 5 terms: 10-week term, 2 – 8 week terms, 2 – 5 week terms. The 10-week summer session, full-time enrollment is 6 or more credit hours; three-fourths time enrollment is 4 to 5 credit hours; half-time enrollment is 3 credit hours. Students enrolled in less than 1-2 credit hours are reimbursed for tuition and allowable fees only.

For the 8-week summer session, full-time enrollment is 5 or more credit hours; three-fourths time enrollment is 4 credit hours; half-time enrollment is 3 credit hours. Students enrolled in less than 1-2 credit hours are reimbursed for tuition and allowable fees only.

For the 5-week summer session, full-time enrollment is 4 or more credit hours; three-fourths time enrollment is 3 credit hours; half-time enrollment is 2 credit hours. Students enrolled in 1 credit hour are reimbursed for tuition and allowable fees only.

Veterans' Attendance and Satisfactory Progress

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs requires all veterans receiving VA education benefits to make satisfactory progress and systematic advancement toward an educational objective or be liable for overpayments. Satisfactory progress and regular class attendance are expected of students.

If a veteran receiving benefits gets suspended for academic reasons, benefits are terminated and will be restored only after readmission to NMSU.

If the university has liability claims filed against it because of a veteran failing to meet compliance requirements of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the university will not release any academic records (transcripts) on the veteran until the veteran has reimbursed the federal government for funds drawn in violation of those requirements.

A student receiving VA education benefits pursuing a degree program offered by New Mexico State University should adhere to the program curriculum. Failure to do so will result in the student being certified for less than full-time status or becoming liable for an overpayment.