

WINTER 2017

Resource Edition

CUNY In Partnership with NYC Department of Veterans' Services



CUNY named first public undergraduate system to receive the 2017 Military Friendly designation by Victory Media



(from left) Commissioner Loree Sutton and Lisa Beatha

New York City is home to 12,000 students currently using their GI Bill, 3,000 of which are enrolled at CUNY. "We want veterans to find their next mission in New York City. The GI Bill is a great way to do that, and DVS is committed to doing its best to make sure that veterans and their families are able to use the City's rich ecosystem of colleges and universities as a springboard to a successful life. It's not just good for our veterans, it's good for the City—veterans are civic assets," says NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) Commissioner, Brigadier General (Ret.) Loree Sutton, MD.

Also, mentoring can have a tremendous impact on the lives of transitioning veterans. CUNY is a proud participant in the NYC Department of Veterans' Services #MentorAVETNYC program.

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CUNY Central Office of Veterans Affairs

At the City University of New York (CUNY) we welcome and support veterans, reservists and dependents on our 24 campuses. We are proud of the level of diversity and academic excellence that our 3,000 veterans bring to our campuses and recognize the contribution that they make as citizens and students. We are dedicated to fostering a sense of community and to developing a channel of communication among veteran and reservist students, and with faculty, staff and administration.

The CUNY Office of Veterans Affairs (COVA) orchestrates initiatives to retain student veterans and their family members by implementing best practices and complying with federal, state and institutional policies such as Executive Order 13607 – Principles of Excellence, the DOD MOU and the 8 Keys to Veterans Success. Working collaboratively with community agencies, COVA aims to increase awareness and sensitivity to the unique needs of veterans, and provide resiliency-based social and academic support to encourage post-graduate success.

Visit our website for a virtual one-stop source of information regarding services for veterans, reservists and their dependents and survivors. In addition, it is a guide to educational benefits, entitlements, counseling and advocacy resources, which will assist veterans in pursuing their academic and civilian careers.

**The CUNY Office of Veterans Affairs team is happy to assist you with any questions.
Please contact us Monday through Friday between 9AM and 5PM**

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New York, NY 10019
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For a Vet Fee Waiver, please email: vetwaiver@cuny.edu

For all other matters, and to join our team, e-mail us at: veterans@cuny.edu

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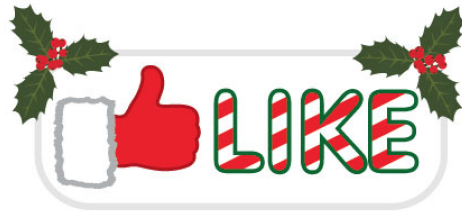


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CUNY's Central Office of Veterans Affairs Celebrates its

5th Annual Veterans Academic Awards Breakfast and Professional Networking and Resource Fair

NEW YORK, NY. November 10, 2017 – On Monday, November 6th CUNY's Central Office of Veterans Affairs held its 5th Annual Veterans Academic Awards Breakfast at the CUNY Graduate Center in Manhattan. This annual ceremony honors student veterans from across the university who have achieved continued academic excellence by maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.5 throughout the academic year.

The City University of New York (CUNY) welcomes and supports veterans and reservists on its campuses and recognizes the contribution that they make as citizens and students. CUNY is proud of the level of diversity and academic excellence that our 3,000 veterans and reservists bring to our campuses.



Commissioner Loree Sutton

Lisa Beatha, University Director, kicked off the event by warmly welcoming the students and guests in attendance. CUNY Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Dr. Christopher Rosa and Guest Speaker Colonel Daniel S. Morgan shared candid anecdotes and inspirational remarks. **Commissioner for New York City's Department of Veterans' Services, Loree Sutton** spoke about the new "Veterans on Campus" initiative and how we can support veterans in the transition and retention of the 12,000 students currently utilizing their GI Bill in New York City.



5th Annual Veterans Academic Awards Breakfast and Professional Networking and Resource Fair



The CUNY Office of Veterans Affairs (COVA) proactively seeks to ease the transition from service member to scholar for veterans by integrating and overseeing programs, services, resources and activities that support student veterans during their pursuit of higher education. Working collaboratively with community agencies COVA aims to increase awareness and sensitivity to the unique needs of veterans' and provide resiliency based social and academic support to encourage post-graduate success.

COVA provides a forum where veterans can interact, exchange ideas, educate, network, and empower each other. Our on-campus Veterans Clubs allow veteran students to maximize their experience through meetings, networking opportunities, and professional events.

For additional information regarding the Central Office of Veterans Affairs at CUNY, please visit <http://www.cuny.edu/veterans>. And connect with other **#CUNYVets** on our social media portals.



Thanks to our Partners

We thank our sponsors CBS, Success Academies, MCU, Wells Fargo and Passion Planners for supporting our student veteran community and helping us make this event a success.

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Our 2018 CUNY Veterans Annual Awards Breakfast and Professional Network and Resource Fair will take place on Friday, November 2, 2018 at the CUNY Graduate Center in Manhattan.



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6th Annual CUNY Veterans Awards
Breakfast and Resource Fair

Friday, November 2, 2018

CUNY Graduate Center





Military Veterans Initiative

Your next mission begins today.



Fight Educational Inequality

The strengths developed in the military — adaptability, teamwork, mental toughness, and cross-cultural communication — are also the hallmarks of our most successful teachers and staff members. Our goal is to leverage the many talents of veterans and their spouses in service of children.

Connect and Apply

We have a dedicated team of military veteran recruiters who will respond to emails, review all resumes, support veterans during the interview and onboarding process, and offer opportunities to network with other veterans.

Get in touch by submitting your resume or any questions to

veterans@successacademies.org

Or visit: <http://jobs.successacademies.org/veterans>



Veterans of CUNY Video Contest

Over 3,000 NYC Veterans attend our various CUNY campuses. But, what makes CUNY such a great choice for veteran students? We want YOU to tell us that story.

That's right! We want your campus' Veterans Club to work together and get behind the camera to showcase your veteran club, lounge, activities, meetings, initiatives, and more importantly the student veterans who make part of it.

Get creative and submit a 5-10 minute video that tells a good story about how your club helps veterans get more than just their benefits, about their lifestyle, what it means to be a veteran at CUNY? How about a veteran studying in New York? How has CUNY helped you make the transition from Veteran to student? What would you want people to know about the Veterans of CUNY? Why do you think CUNY is a great choice for incoming veterans?

The top 3 finalists will get the chance to take one of our phenomenal prizes:



1st Place: \$500*

2nd Place: \$200*

3rd Place: Pizza Party

Deadline: March 18th, 2018

Submit to: veterans@cuny.edu

*Funds must be used towards fostering veteran efforts.



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Thanks to Councilman Eric Ulrich, Chair of the Committee on Veterans, TDF has the opportunity to provide:

- A limited number of free tickets to several Broadway performances to those who have served our country.
- Talks with veterans who are working with each production will be offered.
- TDF will also offer complimentary TDF Memberships to any participating veterans so they can continue their theatergoing at greatly reduced costs.

Select a show and date from the options below,
and email us with your request for up to 2 tickets at: veterans@cuny.edu

**TDF believes that the theatre is for everyone,
that includes our military veterans.**

**WE'RE HERE TO SAY:
IT'S FOR ALL OF US.**



December 17, 2017



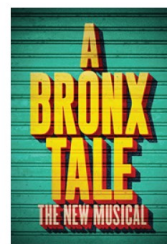
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January 25, 2018



January 29, 2018



May 16, 2018



May 19, 2018



February 4, 2018

#VeteransOfCUNY



Angela Bonnette

Hunter College Alumni



Retired Major Bonnette served her country for 29 years. She began her military career by enlisting in the **U.S. Navy** for 14 years, then challenged herself to transition as an Officer to the **U.S. Army** in the Medical Service Corp for the next 15 years, in which she served as Company Commander in Fort Hamilton and in the 8th Medical Brigade. She honorably retired at the rank of Major.

While still serving in the military, Bonnette received her M.S.Ed. In Rehab Counseling at **Hunter College**, focusing on physical disabilities, which she says “helped me deal with soldiers in a way that I could never imagine.” She worked at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society (CPCS) at the CUNY Grad Center for 10 years. “There is no better university than **CUNY**, you have all walks of life entering into the system to be educated. Like in the military, from different backgrounds and socioeconomic status. CUNY is a grassroots movement, is a World university. There is something to be said of a school that can take a low-income family to middle-income.” She contemplates going after her Ph.D. utilizing her Post 9-11 benefits.

Major Bonnette has held countless leadership roles throughout her military and civilian career. However, the contributions that she is equally proud of is her role as a mentor. She currently volunteers as a Peer Group Leader with the veteran group, **Wounded Warrior Project**. In addition, she has served as participant in several military organizations like, SWAN (Service Women’s Action Network), and “Team Red White and Blue”. She also serves as a Committee Advisory Member with New York City Transit’s TVA (Transit Veteran’s Association), where she is currently employed. Outside of volunteering and participating in military events, Retired Major Bonnette finds time to mentor young girls, from Leadership High Schools throughout New York City, with “**Step- Up- Women’s Network**”.

“Transitioning from the military sector where everything is told, to the civilian world, you learn to structure yourself according to the mission. Sit back and see how things flow. Being an observer is really important, seeing how things operate around you. Be more empathetic, and allow yourself to imagine things from different perspectives. Being at CUNY you are given the tools to think creatively and go beyond.”

Her advice to other scholars:

Be patient with yourself.





#VETERANSOFCLNY

We would like you to participate in our **#VeteransofCUNY** campaign, which aims to highlight the amazing veterans across our CUNY campuses.

Please submit the following info to: Veterans@cuny.edu

- Personal Photo (Uniform preferred, or on Campus)
- CUNY Campus & Graduation Date
- Branch of Service
- Employment / Educational Goals
- Degrees/Certificates already earned
- What influenced your decision to come to CUNY?
- Challenges faced during transition from service-member to scholar
- Advice for future veterans.

* We are also looking for Female Veterans to feature in our Spring Women's Issue.

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– Luke Jensen, Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran



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**Steps 2–5 must be held on consecutive days.*

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PROVE
PROJECT FOR RETURN
AND OPPORTUNITY IN
VETERANS EDUCATION

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Want to meet other student veterans who are having success in their educational journey and enjoying campus life?

Need assistance in locating campus veteran resources?

Interested in having someone to talk with about the concerns facing student veterans today?

PROVE, Project for Return and Opportunity in Veterans Education, was founded in 2007 to serve student veterans by assisting them in their transition from military service to college life.

The PROVE team of student veteran peer mentors and graduate social work interns aims meet the needs of student veterans ranging from navigating the world of GI benefits to providing a safe and welcoming environment in which student veterans can thrive as they transition to this new stage of life.

THE PROVE MODEL

works with existing campus veteran services professionals to enhance and expand service delivery.

PROVE strives to create and maintain a safe, open environment on each campus. We provide a place for you to wind down, get your work done, build community and get assistance from people that are invested in helping.

Every student veteran is welcome, regardless of their discharge status or their military experience.

Additionally, PROVE looks to build community and provides opportunities to participate in social, educational and service programs both on campus and community-wide.

In 2017-18 PROVE will be located on ten CUNY campuses (BCC, BMCC, City College, Hostos, Hunter, John Jay, KBCC, LaGCC, NYC College of Technology and Queens College).

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Step 3



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Get matched to internship projects to demonstrate and strengthen your skills.

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– Tommy
Staten Island, NY



[American Corporate Partners](#) (ACP) offers student veterans the opportunity to be mentored by successful professionals from Fortune 500 Companies, such as Bloomberg, Deloitte, The Home Depot, Intel, Raytheon, UPS and [many others](#) - at their own pace and at no financial cost.

Experienced business leaders can offer targeted guidance for veterans looking to get their foot in the door in the business world. For example, Mentors can help a student veteran with any of the following:

- Clarifying career goals and creating a tailored action plan
- Developing professional communication skills for more effective networking and social media presence
- Improving résumé and interview skills
- Gaining industry insight and perspectives on advancement

Visit www.acp-usa.org/mentoring to request a Mentor in your career field. Please mention that you were referred by **City University of New York** on your application. If you have questions, please email **Joshuah Chrisman** at jchrisman@acp-usa.org or give us a call at [\(212\) 752-0700](tel:(212)752-0700).

ACP Helps Veterans Find Their Next Career

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ACP hand-selects a Mentor for each veteran's yearlong experience

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500

ACP's Mentors come from America's top companies

98%

Satisfaction

Most veteran Protégés would recommend us to a fellow veteran

10,700+ Veterans Have Completed Their Yearlong Mentorship

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CUNY Welcome Center's (CWC) Veterans' Admissions Office

Welcome from Admissions!

The CUNY Welcome Center's Veterans Admissions Office is dedicated to assisting service members and their families with CUNY's Undergraduate Application. Services include:

- Inquiries & Guidance
The team responds to veteran inquiries by phone, email, or in-person consultations. and provides information about CUNY's resources, programs and application process.
- Veterans Application Fee Waivers
Fee waivers can be issued by the team to veterans who submitted a Freshman and Transfer Undergraduate application. To request a waiver, veterans should email proof of military service to vetwaiver@cuny.edu. Fee waivers can only be issued for those who have served and are non-transferrable.
- Application Assistance
Veterans can submit their application documents directly to members of the team to foster a smooth application process. The team also expedites the processing of veteran applications whenever possible.
- Letters of Eligibility
These letters are issued to active duty service members to help initiate their separation/preparation process (they are issued on a case by case basis).
- Assisting Campuses
We work with CUNY's Campus Veterans Coordinators to provide them with additional information about their veteran population.
- ROTC
E-permits for ROTC courses are processed with the assistance of the Veterans Admissions Team.

Please feel free to contact us for assistance at vetwaiver@cuny.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

CUNY Veterans Undergraduate Application Guide

Quick reference guide on how veterans apply to CUNY

STEP 1:	Apply Online – Prospective students should submit a freshman or transfer application online at www.cuny.edu/apply . On the application fee page, veterans should select the “Pay Later” option.			
STEP 2:	Obtain Fee Waiver – Veterans can email vetwaiver@cuny.edu to request an application fee waiver. <u>They should at least provide name, application control number, and date of birth.</u> Proof of military service <u>must</u> be attached to the email and can include copies of one of the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD214 (Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty) • Pre-separation orders • Other military-issued paperwork 			
STEP 3:	Send Supporting Documents – Official transcripts and other supporting documents should be sent directly to the University Application Processing Center (UAPC). <p>Regular Mail</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">General Freshman Admission CUNY/UAPC P.O. Box 350136 Brooklyn, NY 11235-0001</td> <td style="width: 33%;">General Transfer Admission CUNY/UAPC P.O. Box 359023 Brooklyn, NY 11235-9023</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Macaulay Honors College CUNY/UAPC P.O. Box 359021 Brooklyn, NY 11235-0001</td> </tr> </table> <p>Overnight/Express Shipping (DHL, Fedex, etc.) CUNY/UAPC 2001 Oriental Blvd., Building T-1, Room 122 Brooklyn, NY 11235</p>	General Freshman Admission CUNY/UAPC P.O. Box 350136 Brooklyn, NY 11235-0001	General Transfer Admission CUNY/UAPC P.O. Box 359023 Brooklyn, NY 11235-9023	Macaulay Honors College CUNY/UAPC P.O. Box 359021 Brooklyn, NY 11235-0001
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STEP 4:	Request the JST – Veterans should also send their Joint Services Transcript (JST), which is the transcript of their military courses, to UAPC using the following websites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard: https://jst.doded.mil/official.html <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create an account and sign-in. 2. Click “Transcript,” then “Official Transcript Request.” 3. Choose to submit the JST to City University of New York (Processing Center) and to any individual CUNY college(s) of your choice. • Air Force: www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp <p><i>Note: This transcript will not affect the admissions decision. The amount of military credits that can transfer to CUNY varies by college. After the veteran is accepted to a college, the campus’ Admissions Office will determine the number of transfer credits each student can receive, including credits for military courses.</i></p>			

Dear Veteran,

CUNY has approved the review of military credentials to award transfer credit for military service. If you would like your military experience to be evaluated for academic credit and /or to illustrate your work experience on your resume, follow the steps listed below.

Step 1: Create an account for your military transcript via the following websites:
Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard: <https://jst.doded.mil/official.html>

Air Force: www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp

Step 2: Submit your transcript to CUNY UAPC (University Application Processing Center) and/or your current CUNY College.

Step 3: Print and save a copy of your military transcript to a USB or secure cloud.

Step 4: Use American Council of Education (ACE) Military guide to review a description of your coursework: <http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx>.

<p><u>Using JST credits for College can count toward:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective credit Major or Minor electives General Education elective 	<p><u>Using JST credits for Employment can:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcase military occupation Illustrate responsibilities/duties Illustrate leadership and training
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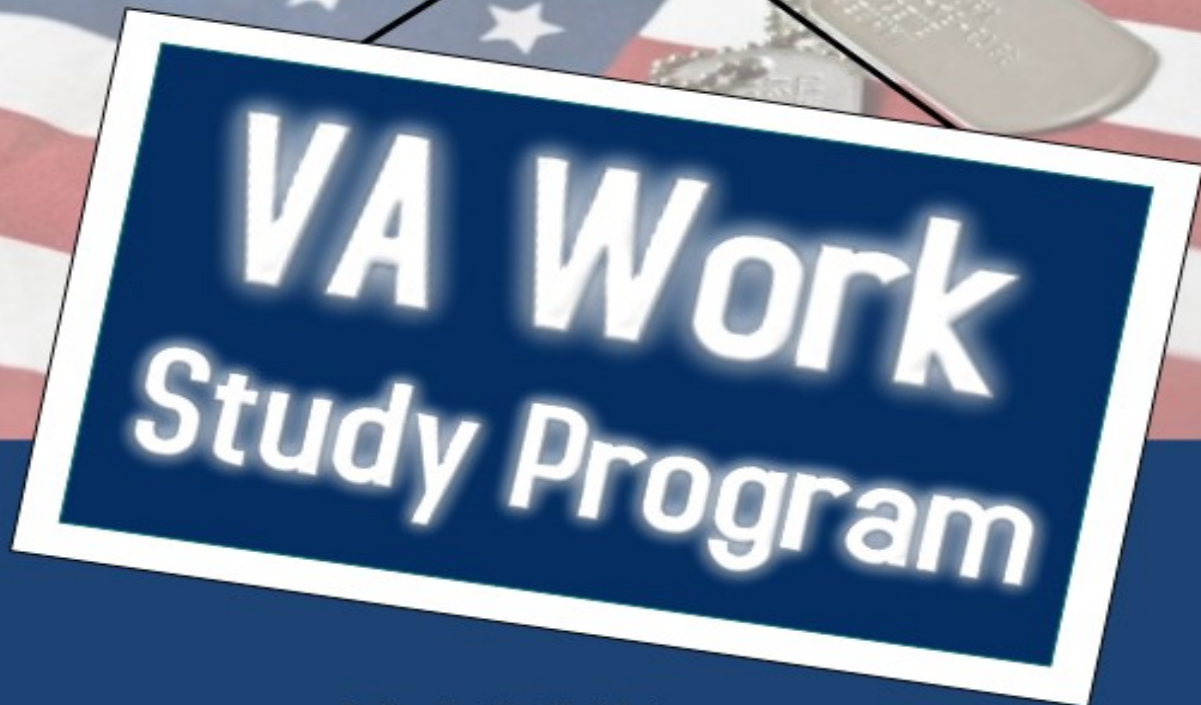
Would you like to have a career that relates to your military occupational specialty (MOS)?

Learn what certifications and degrees match your area of expertise by using the COOL sites...

Army: <https://www.cool.army.mil/>
Navy: <https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/>
Marine Corps: <https://www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/>



Join VA Work-Study



Positions Available in the following areas:

VETERAN MENTOR

GRAPHIC DESIGN

ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM ASSISTANT OUTREACH

RESEARCH & STATISTICS

ADMISSIONS COUNSELING

The CUNY Central Office of Veterans' Affairs has expanded its involvement in the VA work-study program. The program allows student veterans and dependents who are receiving education benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs to work in a veteran related office at CUNY. Participation in the VA Work-Study program provides veterans with valuable civilian work experience and additional funding for their tuition.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL
VETERANS@CUNY.EDU

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VA Work-Study FAQ

Am I eligible for VA work-study program?

CUNY student veterans and dependents are eligible if they are **CURRENTLY** registered to take classes in a college degree program, a vocational program or a professional/graduate program **AND** receiving education benefits under one of the following chapters:

- Chapter 30: The Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 31: Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- Chapter 32: Veterans Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill or Transfer of Entitlement
- Chapter 35: Survivors and Dependence Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 1606: The Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve
- Chapter 1607: Reserve Educational Assistance Program

What type of work will I perform?

VA Work-Study students who are participating in the program at an Educational Institution will perform duties such as preparing and processing paperwork that would include filling out the VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification and VA Form 22-1999b, Notice of Change in Student Status forms and answering veterans inquiries. The student can assist with doing monthly check-in procedures to verify the course load on veterans.

Work responsibilities will vary according to work location. Under the VA work study program student veterans have worked as peer mentors and assisted in areas related to veterans' admissions, communications/outreach, administration, social media/graphic design, research/statistics, budget/finance, and human resources amongst several others. The work you actually do will depend on your interests and the type of work available.

How much will I make?

Your hourly pay rate will be the greater of (1) the federal minimum wage OR (2) the minimum wage for the state/city in which you are working. Please visit <https://www.labor.ny.gov/home/> to confirm the minimum wage for your area.

How many hours can I work ?

Weekly work schedules are determined by the student and work-study supervisor. The total hours a student can work in one semester is given by the Buffalo VA Regional Office: Work-Study Department. The hours are based on 25 hours per weeks of enrollment.



Campus Representatives

The CUNY Office of Veterans Affairs is dedicated to fostering a sense of community and to developing a channel of communication among veteran and reservist students, and with faculty, staff and administration. Below is a complete list of campus veteran representatives.

Community Colleges

Borough of Manhattan Community College
Wilfred Cotto, Veteran Services Coordinator
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212-220-5363; wcotto@bmcc.cuny.edu

Bronx Community College
John Rosa
Coordinator of Veterans and Military Resources
2155 University Avenue, Loew Hall Room 114,
Bronx NY, 10453
718-289-5628; john.rosa@bcc.cuny.edu

Hostos Community College
Charles Prince Uwa, Veterans Affairs Coordinator
450 Grand Concourse, RM C-377 Bronx, NY 10451
718-319-7955; cuwa@hostos.cuny.edu

Kingsborough Community College
Tara Yarczower, Director/Certifying Official
Office of Military and Veteran Services
2001 Oriental Blvd Brooklyn, NY 11235
718-368-5978; tara.yarczower@kbcc.cuny.edu

LaGuardia Community College
Stephen Clark, M.A, Veteran Services Director
31-10 Thomson Avenue Building C, RM 371-D
Long Island City NY, 11101
718-730-7590; sclark@lagcc.cuny.edu

Queensborough Community College
Director of Military and Veterans Services/Certifying Official
222-05 56th Ave RM L421 Bayside, NY 11364
718-281-5767; avenezian@qcc.cuny.edu

Senior Colleges

Baruch College
John Seto
Veterans Affairs Certifying Official
151 E 25th St RM 850 New York, NY 10010
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Brooklyn College
Claudette Guinn
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City College
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College of Staten Island
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Hunter College
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John Jay College of Criminal Justice
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Medgar Evers College
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NYC College of Technology
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Queens College
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School of Professional Studies
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York College
Larry D. Eaton; Veteran Affairs Manager
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For a complete list of CUNY honors and professional schools veteran representatives please visit cuny.edu/veterans

Veteran Resources

VA MEDICAL CENTERS

Bronx VA Medical Center
130 West Kingsbridge Road
Bronx, NY 10468;
(718) 584-9000

NY Div VA Medical Center
423 East 23rd St
New York, NY 10010;
(212) 686-7500

BK Poly Pl Campus
VA Medical Center
800 Poly Place
Brooklyn, NY 11209;
(718) 836-6600

St. Albans Extended
Care Center
17901 Linden Blvd
Jamaica, NY 11434;
(718) 526-1000

CLINICS

Bay Shore CBOC
132 Main St.
Bay Shore, NY 11706
(631) 328-9092

East Meadow Clinic
2201 Hempstead Turnpike Bldg. Q
East Meadow, NY 11554
(631) 754-7978

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Websites

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Homeless Veterans.....www.va.gov/homeless
Mental Health.....www.mentalhealth.va.gov
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Records.....www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel
Women Veterans.....www.va.gov/womenvet
VA Benefit Payment Rates.....www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/rates
VA Forms.....www.va.gov/vaforms

Forever GI BILL

Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance ACT

The President signed into law the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act also known as the "Forever GI Bill," which will bring significant changes to Veterans education benefits. The law is named after the American Legion national commander who wrote the original GI Bill language in 1944, and will allow more Veterans to use the GI Bill and more time to use it. Some of the changes will go into effect immediately, and some are written to go into effect shortly after.

Some new provisions that go into effect immediately include:

- The 15-year time limitation for using Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits is eliminated for Veterans who left active duty on or after January 1, 2013, and qualifying dependents (Fry children who became eligible on or after January 1, 2013 and all Fry spouses).
- Reservists who had eligibility under the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) and lost it due to the program sunset provision will have that service credited toward the Post-9/11 GI Bill program.
- Certain work-study is permanently authorized; previously it had to be re-approved by Congress every few years.
- The VetSuccess on Campus program will be available to students across the country
- VA will help Veterans to more clearly identify schools that offer them priority enrollment

To read more, please visit the VA.Gov site and click on Education and Training.

Source: VA Benefits at VA.gov: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/ForeverGIBill.asp>



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