GI Jobs Magazine Article
3 Paths to Further Your Education
Maya Yegorova

Now that summer is coming to a close and students are preparing for a return to classrooms, it's a wonderful time for veterans to invest in their own educational goals too. In particular, receiving a degree contributes to countless benefits, such as an expanded network, a chance for a higher salary, and even more success in highly specialized industries.

Here are three exceptional veteran-friendly organizations that the military community can utilize on their journey of strengthening their professional development.

1. The University of Texas

The University of Texas includes eight universities and five health institutions in vibrant cities like Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio. Veterans will receive a high-quality education while also knowing that this public school system will deliver steadfast support during all of their student endeavors: UT has priority course enrollment, tutoring, and health and well-being resources reserved specifically for its military students.

The variety of locations further offers a special opportunity to military personnel and their families. As you relocate or find that final location to call home, you'll be able to continue your education without the typical disruptions of a relocation.

2. Excelsior College*

Headquartered in New York State's capital city, Excelsior College is a not-for-profit school providing online classes that follow an eight-week and 15-week schedule. Veterans can choose to declare majors from the following three schools that encompass the Excelsior umbrella: School of Undergraduate Studies, School of Graduate Studies, and School of Nursing.

No matter what educational avenues veterans decide to follow as an Excelsior student, it's vital to note that those who have served our country will receive the utmost encouragement and guidance from campus faculty: The Lt. Col. Bryant A.

Murray Veterans Center assists in a smooth transition from the military to civilian school setting, the school employees include military academic advisors and military base consultants, and the school partners with every branch, including the Coast Guard.

3. Applying For An American Corporate Partners Mentorship

As veterans begin the exciting and unforgettable student process, it's advantageous to have a mentor and to add submitting an ACP application on their to-do list. Mentors play a crucial part in university success, as they can provide advice on time management when juggling classes and personal commitments, review resumes and cover letters before veterans submit internship applications, and prepare for interviews.

ACP, a nationwide nonprofit organization offering a free, year-long mentorship, has mentors from over 100 Fortune 500 companies. ACP is especially proud to partner with educational institutions such as the University of Phoenix and University of Texas. Since its launch in 2008, 24,000 alumni have completed the program. Interested veterans can submit an application through this link: acp-usa.org/mentoring-program/veteran-application.

^{*}Institution is a paid client of VIQTORY, publisher of G.I. Jobs.