Services for Veterans

Helping You Succeed

Our goal at Minnesota State Community and Technical College is to provide our service members, veterans, spouses and other family members with the information they need to make informed decisions related to their federal military and veteran education benefits.

M State has been named a 2013 Military Friendly School by Victory Media, a designation awarded to the top 15 percent of U.S. colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to welcome America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

Contact Information

M State is served by two higher education veterans program coordinators who provide information directly related to military education benefits. Veterans can meet with a campus or program advisor for academic questions, but they are encouraged to meet with a regional veterans coordinator regarding benefits related to their military service.

Eric Abell is the veterans regional coordinator serving M State campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls and Wadena. He can be contacted at 218.299.6881 or 218.396.0753.

Joe Butler is the veterans regional coordinator serving the M State campus in Moorhead. He can be reached at 218.299.6925.

Financial Aid for Veterans

All service members and their families are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, in addition to completing the necessary paperwork for military education benefits. The FAFSA can be found online at fafsa.ed.gov.

Numerous education benefits are available through federal and state veteran education programs. Contact your regional coordinator regarding personal benefits, even if you think you do not qualify.

Transfer Credits

The Veterans Education Transfer System (VETS) is designed to aid current and past service members in determining how their military training may earn them credit at colleges or universities within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. Your regional veterans coordinator can assist with the process.

Connect with Benefits

The Higher Education Veterans Program of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs helps connect veterans with educational benefits and resources to succeed in college. Contact Eric Abell or Joe Butler with questions regarding your earned education benefits. They can assist with issues such as:

- Payment extensions while awaiting educational benefits
- Military transfer credit
- Veteran resident status
- Options for withdrawal from classes due to deployment
- Obtaining military transcripts

Learn More:

For more information about veterans services at M State, visit minnesota.edu/veterans or contact the veterans regional coordinator for your campus.