



Military Resource Center



WELCOME



Congratulations on your decision to begin or continue your educational goals at Rhode Island College.

Whether you are continuing your education or just getting started; currently serving on active duty; a reservist; a national guardsman; a veteran or a family member; we have the programs to help you complete your personal mission of achieving your education goals.

We understand the military and the challenges of transitioning to civilian life. Our dedicated admissions counselors, experienced military leadership, and military-trusted faculty are here to serve. So please feel free to stop by early and stop by often.

This veteran specific virtual orientation will assist with specific questions you may have throughout the academic year.

Contact Military Resource Center

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The Military Resource Center (MRC)



Who we are

The Military Resource Center (MRC) serves as the central point of contact for prospective or current Rhode Island College military-connected students, whether you're active duty, Reserve, National Guard, veteran, or family, *MRC is here to serve you.*

What we do

We provide assistance with the admissions process, applying for military educational benefits and scholarships, referrals to various academic departments around campus. Additionally, we maintain a large network within the community to refer students to organizations specializing in veteran services.

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VetSuccess Services



Who Can Benefit

- Student Veterans
- Service Members
- Dependents

What Services Are Available

- Guidance and support with your education benefits (understanding benefits, how to apply, how the payment process works)
- Career exploration and assistance in selecting a suitable major / career
- Assistance with common readjustment or transition difficulties
- Coordinating with school faculty/staff to provide Veteran specific services (i.e. VA Certifying Official, Academic Advising, Student Disabilities Services, Tutoring and Support Services, Financial Aid, Professors)
- Accessing, understanding, and applying for other VA benefits (i.e. Disability Compensation, Education Benefits, and Vocational Rehabilitation)
- Referrals for VA healthcare, Vet Center, medical, and mental health services
- Referrals for readjustment counseling services for eligible Veterans and their families
- Job placement assistance and coordination with Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVER) and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP)

Contact VetSuccess Services

Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
8:30am- 4:30pm

Location
Student Union #422

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Vet Success on Campus (VSOC)



The Rhode Island College VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) program aims to help Veterans, Service members, and their qualified dependents succeed and thrive through a coordinated delivery of on-campus benefits assistance and counseling.

- In partnership with the Department of Veteran Affairs, RIC has a VA employee on campus to assist the student Veteran population. The VetSuccess on Campus Coordinator is Micaela Black.
- The VSOC Counselor helps to quickly resolve any problems that could potentially interfere with a Veteran's educational program, to include assisting with disability accommodations.
- If needed, The VSOC Counselor can also provide referrals for health services through VA Medical Centers, Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, or Vet Centers.

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Application for Military Students



Easy Steps for Military-Connected Students

- Veterans, military service members, and family members using benefits are encouraged. This is an option that connects you to specific programs and support for Military Students.
- Here are 3 bonuses for you:
 - You will be connected early to our Veteran Services on campus.
 - You will learn of orientation programming tailored more specifically for your needs.
 - You will be connected to services to waive the \$50 application fee AND defer the \$200 admission deposit provided you are using educational benefits and can produce documentation of military service (i.e. DD214, Active Duty orders).



Steps for Getting Started



Easy Steps for Military Students

Student Veterans are encouraged to contact the Military Resource Center & VetSuccess offices to review the steps outlined below and ensure a smooth transition to higher education.

<http://www.ric.edu/studentveterans/Pages/Checklist-for-Getting-Started.aspx>



Federal Tuition Assistance



DoD's Tuition Assistance (TA) Program

Important Note: All prospective Federal Tuition Assistance Students must first speak with their unit Education Service Officer (ESO), a military counselor, or visit their local installation Education Center regarding the use of Federal Tuition Assistance.

Service members must coordinate with ESO's and receive approval from commanders before they begin using Federal Tuition Assistance.

Contact Tuition Assistance

The following individual has been designated as the point of contact for academic and financial advising, including access to disability counseling, to assist Service members with completion of studies and with job search activities

MARIA BOUTIER

Assistant Bursar

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State Tuition Assistance Program (STAP)



STAP Waiver Process

RI Air National Guard & RI Army National Guard Members

- Student must register for classes first
- Student completes the (online) Fillable STAP Waiver form
 - You will list your classes for the upcoming semester
 - Include your *School ID #* or *DOB* on the STAP form
 - Bursar Office will need the ID # or DOB to process the form and indicate the tuition waiver
- Submit completed form to RI ANG or RI ARNG Education Liaison
- Education Liaison will digitally sign on their end and send back to the student
- **Student will have to get the completed / signed form back to the school, to be emailed to bursar@ric.edu**

Contact Tuition Assistance

The following individuals are the designated RIANG & RIARNG Education Liaisons.

RI Air National Guard – Education Liaison:
jorge.l.febus.mil@mail.mil

RI Army National Guard – Education Liaison:
christopher.a.toti.mil@mail.mil
wilson.a.soto.mil@mail.mil

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GI Bill Certification



The success of RIC's veteran and dependent students is our top priority.

To ensure that your VA benefits continue and that your education is not interrupted, RIC has provided a simple and efficient process to certify your GI Bill status.

Simply fill out the GI Bill Certification worksheet below each semester.

<http://www.ric.edu/studentveterans/Pages/GI-Bill-Certification-Worksheet.aspx>

NEW STUDENTS and RETURNING STUDENTS

Submit the GI Bill Certification form EACH semester you are enrolled at RIC AFTER you have finished adjusting semester courses.

RIC BURSAR OFFICE

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Disabled Veteran Waiver (DAV)



Disabled Veterans Tuition Waiver

Program Description

- Disabled veterans receive free tuition at Rhode Island College

Eligibility

- Veteran with 10-100% service-connected disability
- Permanent resident of RI
- Student must apply for and use financial aid first
- Applies to tuition only, all fees associated with the tuition will continue to be charged to the waiver applicant

- Submit your request, along with appropriate documentation,
- <http://www.ric.edu/bursar/Pages/Waivers.aspx>

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Veteran's Relief Fund (VRF/RIC)



What is the VRF/RIC?

The VRF/RIC is emergency financial assistance for Rhode Island College veterans funded by a grant from the RI Office of Veterans Affairs.

- The Rhode Island College Veterans Relief Fund (VRF/RIC) is designed to remove some of the monetary stressors veterans may face, and connect veterans to a more secure financial plan in order to contribute to long-term academic success and persistence.
- VRF/RIC provides short-term monetary support to qualified applicants facing financial hardship by awarding support (gift cards) for food, gas, and/or household goods.
- Applicants must be RIC students, veterans, and RI residents.

Applications for the current 2019/20 Veterans Relief Fund are now closed.

If funds become available, we will announce the opportunity in this location.

<http://www.ric.edu/studentveterans/Pages/veterans-relief-fund.aspx>



Thank You For Your Service



Rhode Island College stands ready to meet the educational needs of our veterans. Our entire college community is grateful to you and your family members for your service to our country. We are dedicated to providing the services you need to be successful in your academic pursuits.

- The Military Resource Center is a clearinghouse for information on programs and services available to veterans.
- Members of the MRC provide guidance and advice with frequent outreach to support military-connected students.
- Visit the Military Resource Center early and often. We are here to serve you!

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