

MILITARY AND VETERAN CENTER
VETERAN'S PROGRAMS GUIDE



UIW Military and Veteran Center

The University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) Military and Veteran Center welcomes and recognizes all service members who are serving and who have served to protect the rights and freedoms of our country. We are here to assist UIW students using educational benefits under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Educational Assistance Programs and the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Programs in the pursuit of their educational goals.

In Fall 22, nearly 20% of UIW students were military connected. Recently, UIW was proud to announce that it has been ranked #6 in the nation by the Military Times in its 2022 Best for Vets: Colleges rankings.

UIW's Military and Veteran Center offers a multitude of military specific resources, services, and events that contribute to the success of our military connected students. This booklet highlights many of the great programs we offer for our military connected students at UIW such as:

- VA Vital Program
- Meals for Vets
- Air Force ROTC
- Army ROTC
- Peer Advisors for Veterans Education (PAVE) program
- Student Veterans of America (SVA) student organization
- Purepost
- Veteran Tribute Stole

UIW is proud to serve our nation's veterans as we strive to provide the best college experience for those who have served our great nation and their families. For assistance, reach out to the MVC at the phone number or emails below.

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Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL)

What is VITAL?

The VITAL initiative is a partnership between the VA Healthcare System and local colleges and universities to support student veterans on campus and assist them in completion of their education and healthcare goals. VITAL assists veterans in accessing and navigating their healthcare services and promotes a positive relationship between veterans and the entire learning community through campus and community education and training.

How the VITAL Program Can Benefit Student Veterans:

- Provide education on various VA benefits and services veterans are entitled to as well as assist with enrollment into VA healthcare.
- Assist veterans in accessing and navigating available VA resources as well as community and on campus services to support veterans' educational success.
- Provide referrals for brief counseling services to eligible Student Veterans.

VITAL Eligible Veterans:

To receive ongoing VITAL services, eligible student veterans must:

- Meet Veterans Health Administration criteria for healthcare services.
- Be enrolled in the VA healthcare system.
- If not eligible for VA healthcare, the VITAL coordinator will assist veterans in accessing on-campus and community services.
 - If a Veteran is not yet enrolled in VA services or needs help understanding eligibility requirements for VA healthcare, the VITAL coordinator can assist them.*

Mission Statement:

The mission of VITAL is to provide world-class healthcare to improve the overall quality of life for Veterans, while supporting their successful integration into college and university campuses. VITAL achieves this through seamless access to VA healthcare services and on-campus resources.

If you have any questions or wish to learn more about VITAL services contact:



Toni Bravo-Price, LCSW
VITAL Program Coordinator
(210) 992-5479



VA Campus Toolkit



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

South Texas Veterans Health Care System's (STVHCS) Military 2 VA (M2VA) Case Management Program

Welcomes Home all Post 9/11 Era Veterans

We would like to welcome all recently separated 9/11 veterans to the South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS). We are grateful for your service and sacrifice to this country. It is our commitment and privilege to provide you with the best healthcare and services as you and your family transition into your post-military life.

If you or someone you know is a recently separated post 9/11 veteran, the Military 2 VA (M2VA) Case Management Program is here to assist you.

How the M2VA Program Can Benefit You:

- Dedicated staff provides a seamless transition as servicemembers move from active duty to veteran status by collaborating with DOD and VA services.
- Case management for eligible post 9/11 veterans including coordination of medical care and other services.

Case management assistance includes, but is not limited to:

- Orientation to VA Healthcare
- Navigating VA Healthcare and Veterans Benefit Administration services
- Referrals to VA and community resources

For questions or to learn more about M2VA services contact:



Colleen Ward, LCSW
M2VA Program Manager
(726) 300-2885



Louis Guidry, MS
M2VA Transition Patient Advocate
(210) 740-8803

Did you know as a student veteran you may qualify for free meals?

Meals for Vets
is a program that provides
student veterans who have low income
with **free daily meals**.

Getting through school is hard enough without the stress of not knowing if you'll be able to afford to eat. Meals for Vets and the University of the Incarnate Word have partnered up to make sure you can get a daily meal to help fuel your success.

To qualify:

- Must have served at least 180 days federal active duty
- Provide proof of service (such as DD-214)
- Provide proof of all household income and benefits
- Meet low income qualifications

To learn more and apply, call:

Meals for Vets
830.992.3375

Or apply online:

mealsforvets.org/help



800.676.1389 | info@honorveteransnow.org | mealsforvets.org



This program is supported by a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission *Fund for Veterans' Assistance*. The *Fund for Veterans' Assistance* provides grants to organizations serving veterans and their families. For more information visit TVC.Texas.gov.



ARMY ROTC TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

BECOME AN ARMY OFFICER IN TWO YEARS!!

STMU ROTC is accepting qualified students with at least 60 credit hours to enroll in Army ROTC and take the course as a junior and senior. Or, if you are pursuing a masters degree, you are also qualified! All applicants may be eligible for a full scholarship plus room and board.

Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Must have 60 or more college credit hours towards your degree, or be working towards a master's degree
- Must be accepted by the University of the Incarnate Word
- Must obtain your degree and commission as an officer by your 30th birthday
- Meet physical and medical standards
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty, Reserve Component, or National Guard
- Must have prior-service or more than 3 years of JROTC experience - if not, need to attend Basic Camp

Army ROTC Basic Camp:

- Must be completed before enrolling in junior/senior years as an Army ROTC Cadet
- Four weeks of leadership training and team building at Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Free travel and lodging
- Get \$900 for four weeks
- Make lasting friendships and learn valuable skills

Potential Scholarships:

- Full tuition and fees
- ROTC Monthly Allowance (TAX FREE SPENDING MONEY!!) \$420 per month
- \$1200 per year book allowance
- Potential University incentives - free room and board
- Guaranteed job upon graduation - approximately \$44,000 per year (not including all benefits)
- Worldwide travel and adventures
- Interesting work - not the typical 9-5 job!

Commitment:

- An eight-year service commitment to the Army as an Officer
- Chose to serve in one of 24 branches in the Army, including Medical Corps, Nurse Corps, and more
- You can either serve all 8 years in the Reserve components of the Army, or 4 years active- 4 years reserve

***Call/Email UIW ROTC Enrollment Officer for more information:
210-638-1784 / ROTC@UIWTX.EDU***



U.S. AIR FORCE ROTC

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Be a full-time University of the Incarnate Word student while being a part of U.S. Air Force ROTC Detachment 842.



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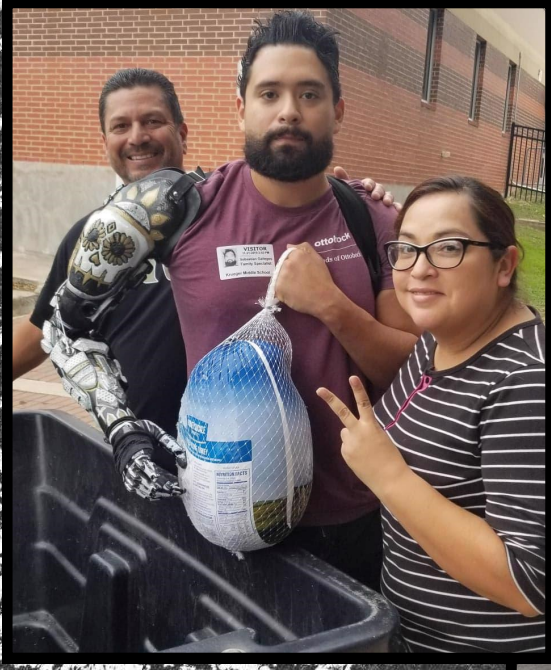
PAVE is a peer support program that connects incoming student veterans with student veterans already on campus in order to help them navigate college life, identify challenges they face, refer the student to appropriate resources on or off campus, and provide ongoing support toward academic and personal goals.

UIW is 1 of 4 colleges in Texas and 1 out of 58 throughout the country to be awarded the PAVE program.



Interested in learning more?
Email us at PAVE@uiwtx.edu
or scan the QR Code.







STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA

The mission of the Student Veterans of America is to expedite, facilitate, and reinforce the successful transition for U.S. military veterans and their families to university life while fostering a lasting bond of friendship with veterans of allied armed forces and mentoring the next generation of military and civilian leadership.



SCAN TO LEARN
HOW TO JOIN



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VETERAN TRIBUTE STOLE

CONGRATULATIONS!

UIW student veterans are honored with a tribute stole during graduation. The stole is provided free of charge. If you are a graduating active duty, reservist, or veteran student participating in commencement, request your veteran tribute stole at the link below.









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