



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

VETERANS SUCCESS CENTER

Division of Student Affairs

*To our student veterans in uniform
—past, present, and future—
God bless you and thank you.*



“One Goal,

The mission of the St. John's University Veterans Success Center (SJVSC) is to support student veterans at the University in their pursuit of higher education. The center assists student veterans in successfully transitioning from military service to University life through networking opportunities, academic and other resources, community service, and advocacy. The SJVSC fosters an environment honoring military service and improving the quality of their University experience.



One Mission™

FIVE PILLARS OF THE VETERANS SUCCESS CENTER

1. Academics
2. Career
3. Leadership and Transition
4. Service
5. Graduation

THE VETERANS SUCCESS CENTER AT ST. JOHN'S offers a seamless approach to assisting student veterans from acceptance to commencement—and beyond. This brochure includes a sampling of the resources we offer (e.g., mentoring, tutoring, housing assistance, financial aid guidance, and academic and career advisement). Stop by to learn about all of the ways we can assist you as you pursue your degree.



- Academic Advisement
 - Academic Liaison in each College Office
 - Campus Ministry
 - Campus Recreation
 - Career Counseling, Military to Civilian Résumé
 - Collaboration with Campus-Wide Organizations
 - Disabled Student Services
 - Financial Services
 - Library Assistance
 - Lounge Space
 - Mental Health and Wellness
 - Mission 22—provides support to veterans and their families when they need it most:
- right now. Through a comprehensive approach of outreach, events, and programs, they promote long-term wellness and sustainable growth.
 - New Student Veteran Orientation
 - Peer Mentoring
 - Public Safety, Free Veteran Parking Program
 - SALUTE—National Honor Society for Student Veterans
 - Sigma Pi Fundraiser for PTSD Awareness
 - Textbook Exchange Program
 - Tutoring
 - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
 - Writing Assistance

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Office of Admission

David A. Pierre
Senior Assistant Director
 Welcome Center
 Tel 718-990-2616
pierred@stjohns.edu

Office of the Registrar

Newman Hall, Room 106
 Tuesday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
 Friday, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Transfer Student Services

Melissa Mirabella
Associate Director
 Admission Welcome Center
 Tel 718-990-5533
mirabelm@stjohns.edu

University Freshmen Center

Lakeisha Armstrong
Assistant Director
 St. Augustine Hall (University Library)
 Room 104
armstrol@stjohns.edu

Campus Ministry**Sr. Patricia Evanick, D.C. '97GED***Campus Minister for Catholic Formation and Leadership*

Marillac Hall, Room 239

Tel 718-990-6115

evanickp@stjohns.edu**Campus Support Adviser**

Provides confidential support to victims of sexual violence including sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and/or stalking. Please call to make an appointment at 718-990-8484.

Center for Counseling and Consultation

Marillac Hall, Room 130

Tel 718-990-6384

Center for Psychological Services

Seton Complex

152-11 Union Turnpike

Queens, NY 11367

Tel 718-990-1900

Fax 718-990-1586

psychcenter@stjohns.edu**Fitness Center****(Queens, NY, Campus)**

Carnesecca Arena

Tel 718-990-2357

Library Services

St. Augustine Hall

www.stjohns.edu/libraries**Off-Campus Housing****jumpoffcampus.com****Services for Students with Disabilities****Jason Luchs***Associate Director*

Counseling Center

Marillac Hall, Room 134

Tel 718-990-6864

luchsj@stjohns.edu**Sexual Violence Outreach, Awareness, and Response Office (SOAR)****www.stjohns.edu/soar****Student Health Services**

DaSilva Hall

Tel 718-990-6360

University Career Services

Chiang Ching-Kuo Hall

718-990-6375

careers@stjohns.edu**University Learning Commons**

St. Augustine Hall, Room 103

Tel 718-990-1367

Tel 718-990-6566

SJULearningCommons@stjohns.edu**University Writing Center**

St. Augustine Hall

Tel 718-990-2171

writingcenter@stjohns.edu

Online appointments are available.

VETERAN STUDENT FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS

Office of Student Financial Services

St. John's University
8000 Utopia Parkway
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
(across from Carnesecca Arena)
Queens, NY 11439
Tel 718-990-2000

studentfinancialserv@stjohns.edu

Karen Morizio

VA Certifying Official
Office of Student Financial Services
Tel 718-990-1910
Fax 718-990-7553
moriziok@stjohns.edu

Amy S. Park

*Financial Aid Adviser, Veterans
and Athletic Award*
Office of Student Financial Services
Tel 718-990-3938
parka@stjohns.edu

COLLEGE LIAISONS

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Joseph V. Etzel, Pharm.D.

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Clinical Pharmacy Practice
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etzelj@stjohns.edu

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

Adrian P. Fitzsimons

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The Peter J. Tobin College of Business,
Room 308
Tel 718-990-7306
fitzsimad@stjohns.edu

The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies

Randolph D.J. Ortiz

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St. Augustine Hall, Second Floor
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ortizr@stjohns.edu

The School of Education

Rosaria Cimino

Administrative Assistant
Sullivan Hall, Fifth Floor
Tel 718-990-2503
cimino@stjohns.edu

St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Andres Laurito

Assistant Dean
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Hire Heroes USA

Hire Heroes USA is dedicated to creating job opportunities for US military veterans and their spouses through personalized employment training and corporate engagement.

hireheroesusa.org

USAJOBS

Veterans have technical skills in areas of critical importance, and many also already have security clearances required for some federal positions. Federal service provides a means for veterans to continue their noble service to this country.

usajobs.gov

US Department of Labor: Veterans' Employment and Training Services (VETS)

The VETS program has a collection of resources to assist veterans, active-duty military, and employers in locating and matching military personnel with employment. Information is provided on grants for job training and hiring fairs; grants for homeless vets; and a compensation and benefits handbook for ill, wounded, and injured service members.

www.dol.gov/agencies/vets

US Small Business Administration (SBA): Office of Veterans Business Development

SBA has a diverse assortment of programs available to assist veterans, reserve members of the military, and family and survivors with small businesses by providing information on starting a business, competing for grants, and hiring employees. www.sba.gov

WEBSITES

- benefits.va.gov/vow
- hireveterans.com
- military.com/veteran-jobs
- vaforvets.va.gov
- va.gov/education
- va.gov/jobs
- vetfriends.com
- vetjobs.org





The **American Red Cross Military Veteran Caregiver Network** connects military caregivers to peers and support groups.

Tel 877-272-7337

<https://www.redcross.org/military-veteran-caregiver-network.html>

The **Elizabeth Dole Foundation's Hidden Heroes Community** is an online support group that offers a positive place for military caregivers of all eras to connect.

Tel 202-249-7170

www.hiddenheroes.org

The **Objective Zero Foundation** app gives veterans access to mental health resources and a peer support network.

www.objectivezero.org

RallyPoint is a social network for current military service members and veterans. They also provide peer counseling.

www.rallypoint.com



Together We Served is an online platform for veterans to reconnect with old service friends and share service stories.
www.togetherweserved.com

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) connects veteran family survivors to a national peer support network and grief resources.
Tel 800-959-TAPS (8277)
www.taps.org

Vets4Warriors provides veterans, family members, and caregivers with 24/7 help from a confidential peer support network. Receive immediate, free, and long-term peer support through private chats, emails, phone, and text conversations.
Tel 1-855-838-8255
www.vets4warriors.com

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US Department of Veterans Affairs

This department provides a variety of benefits and services to service members, veterans, and their families.

For example, through the department's Student Work-Study Allowance Program, eligible military members or their dependents can apply to participate in this work program while attending a college, vocational, or professional school. This is separate from federal work-study; the number of applicants accepted depends on job availability. All jobs must be VA-related. va.gov

Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

This New York State agency provides information on available veteran tuition awards and awards for children of veterans. Tel 888-697-4372

hesc.ny.gov

In accordance with the Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits programs, St. John's University works with military and veteran students to ensure awareness of programs for which they are eligible. We offer personalized advisement, including information on special benefits, living stipends, and available support services. Students are encouraged to utilize their benefits; in some instances, 100 percent of tuition and fees may be covered. We honor an array of such programs, including

Chapter 1606—Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Available to eligible members of the Selected Reserve from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Guard military branches.

Chapter 30, Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty

The Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD) can help you pay for education and training programs. You may qualify if you have served at least two years on active duty.

Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness and Employment

If you have a service-connected disability that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, Veteran Readiness and Employment (formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) can help. This program—also known as Chapter 31 or VR&E—helps you explore employment options and address education or training needs. In some cases, your family members may also qualify for certain benefits.

Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) helps you pay for school or job training. You may qualify if you have served on active duty after September 10, 2001.

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THESE DOORS
WALK AMERICAN
HEROES

Yellow Ribbon Program

This supplementary program under the Post-9/11 GI Bill helps cover tuition costs for eligible veterans in excess of their maximum Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. The VA matches the school's contributions for eligible students.

Chapter 35, VA Education Benefits for Survivors and Dependents

Find out if you're eligible for VA education benefits for dependents and survivors (also called Chapter 35 benefits). If you're a dependent spouse or child—or the surviving spouse or child—of a veteran, you may qualify for Chapter 35 benefits or job training through a GI Bill program.

Transfer of Entitlement

Your spouse or dependent children can apply for up to 36 months of benefits and may be able to get money for tuition, housing, books, and supplies.

Military Tuition Assistance (TA)

Pays tuition expenses for military members attending school. To be eligible, students must be on active duty in the US Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, or Coast Guard. Eligible students receive a specified allowance per semester hour, which is not to exceed an annual amount determined by the branch. As part of the tuition assistance program, the branch pays money directly to the institution. Those eligible may also elect to participate in the Top-Up program (Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty) to supplement the cost of additional tuition expenses while using military tuition assistance. Check with your branch office for up-to-date information regarding Military Tuition Assistance and the Top-Up program. Each branch pays a different amount and has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application process, and restrictions.





New York City Department of Veterans' Services

The New York City Department of Veterans' Services connects, mobilizes, and empowers New York City's veteran community in order to foster purpose-driven lives for New York City service members—past and present—in addition to their caregivers, survivors, and families.

www1.nyc.gov/site/veterans/services/education.page

New York City Veterans' Service Information Guide

nyc.gov/veterans

New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs

Tel 888-838-7697 or 888-VETS-NYS
veterans.ny.gov

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Benefits

VA offers a standard, enhanced health benefits plan to all enrolled veterans and maintains an annual enrollment system to manage the provision of quality hospital and outpatient medical care and treatment. VA provides every active-duty service member, Reservist, or National Guard member who serves in a theater of combat operations five years of free health care beginning on the date of discharge or release from service for all illnesses and injuries unless clearly unrelated to military service. At the end of the five-year period, these veterans have the same eligibility for VA medical care as veterans of earlier conflicts, and copayment status depends on whether illness or injury is found to be service-connected. For information on health-care benefits and services, call 877-222-8387 or visit va.gov/health.

VA Clinic—Queens, NY

Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Community Clinic
47-01 Queens Blvd., Room 301
Sunnyside, NY 11104
Tel 718-741-4800

Services include primary care, social work, mental health, and immunizations. (Located eight miles from St. John's University.)



VA Medical Centers and Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC)

VA Medical Centers offer a wide range of inpatient, outpatient, and residential mental health services for veterans. VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics provide medical services including primary care, behavioral health care, and other special programs, as well as medication management for enrolled veterans. Staff at the VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics can also extend assessment and referrals to more specialized services in the community or at the nearest VA Medical Centers.

To locate a VA Medical Center or Clinic, visit va.gov/directory.

VA Forms and Publications

va.gov/vaforms

VA Vet Centers

VA Vet Center services are provided at no cost and do not require you to be enrolled in VA health care or have received care for conditions caused by military service. Services are also provided regardless of the nature of your discharge status.

Learn if you are eligible to receive counseling services at a VA Vet Center at www.vetcenter.va.gov/eligibility.asp

If you need to talk with someone confidentially, please call the Vet Center Call Center at 877-WARVETS (927-8387).



Women Veterans Health Program womenshealth.va.gov

Veteran Assistance College Outreach

Shawn C. Kingston, VHA-CM
Program Specialist (Outreach)
US Department of Veterans Affairs
James J. Peters VA Medical Center
130 W. Kingsbridge Road
Bronx, NY 10468
Tel 718-584-9000, ext. 5344
Fax 718-741-4690
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Veteran eBenefits

eBenefits is a one-stop shop for online benefits. This internet portal is designed for veterans, service members, their families, and caregivers.

<https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

Veterans Integration To Academic Leadership (VITAL) Initiative

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www.nyharbor.va.gov/services/vital.asp

Women Veterans Resources

The Women Veterans Health Care Program is an integral part of the New York/New Jersey VA Health Care Network. We pay special attention to female veterans with a focus on health promotion, disease prevention and management, and emotional well-being.

va.gov/womenvet





