VETERAN ADMISSION AND MILITARY CREDIT

Veteran Admission - Military Credit

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions reviews the academic course work of those who earned credit while serving in the armed forces. In compliance with Texas Education Code 51.3042, eligible former members of the military who are admitted or readmitted as an undergraduate student will be awarded two hours of physical education credit and an additional 12 hours of “military education” credit, which may be applied to satisfy any elective requirement.

The two hours of physical education credit will be awarded by Undergraduate Admissions upon receipt of Form DD-214 as long as the following can be verified: two years of active military duty, the student graduated from an accredited high school or equivalent, and the student is an honorably discharged member of the military who completed at least two years of service or was discharged because of a disability. The student must also submit an official high school transcript. Other military course work may be considered for transfer credit upon receipt of these acceptable forms of documentation:

1. JST (Joint Services Transcript)
2. CCAF Transcript (Community College of the Air Force)

Undergraduate Admission grants credits for lower- and upper-division course work but not for graduate-level work. Transfer credit is subject to approval by the student’s major department/school. For information on how to apply for admission, please visit the Veteran Admission web page (http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/veterans.html).

Veteran's Guaranteed Admission Program

The Texas State University System’s (TSUS) Veterans Guaranteed Admission Program is designed to encourage all honorably discharged veterans to complete their undergraduate college education by guaranteeing admittance to one of the System’s institutions of higher education. Military veterans may gain admission to one of the TSUS institutions in several ways:

1. Veterans who apply by the institution’s application deadline and meet the freshman or transfer admission requirements of the TSUS institution will be admitted after their application and official credentials are complete usually in 2-3 weeks.
2. Veterans who narrowly miss the admission requirements of the TSUS institution of their choice will be admitted via one of the institution’s alternative admissions programs (e.g., summer bridge programs, admission contract programs, or similar admission opportunities).
3. Veterans not interested in gaining admission through a summer bridge or similar program may opt to have their file referred to another TSUS institution.
4. TSUS institutions will provide transfer counseling to veterans who wish to begin their higher education pursuits at a community college. Working closely with university admissions counselors, veterans will be provided a specific pathway through one of the Lamar State Colleges or another community college to be able to transfer seamlessly at a later date. These students will be guaranteed admission as soon as they fulfill their transfer admission plan with the TSUS institution.

5. Veterans seeking technical degrees or specific workforce training will be admitted to Lamar State College-Orange, Lamar State College-Port Arthur or the Lamar Institute of Technology. Should their goals change and a baccalaureate degree be sought, these students will be counseled by Lamar staff to take appropriate courses and will be guaranteed admission to any of the TSUS institutions as soon as the transfer requirement have been met.