RETURNING STUDENT VETERAN CHECKLIST

We are excited to welcome you back to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. We know acclimating back to civilian & student life can be overwhelming, but we are here to help!

**DID YOU**

☐ **RE-APPLY** to UW Oshkosh at [apply.wisconsin.edu](http://apply.wisconsin.edu). You will not need to pay an application fee.

☐ **SUBMIT** a copy of your Joint Service Transcript or Community College of the Air Force transcript as well as transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended to University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Admissions Office, P.O. Box 2423, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2423. If you have not completed any college level courses since leaving UWO, you only need to submit your military transcript.

  To request your Joint Service Transcript, visit [https://jst.doded.mil/official.html](https://jst.doded.mil/official.html).


☐ **APPLY** for educational benefits.

  **Federal Benefits:** If you are using benefits for the first time, go to [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov) and select “applying for new benefit”. If federal education benefits have been used before, go to [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov) and select “Updating Current Benefits”. After the application is processed, the VA will issue a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to individuals who qualify for benefits. The COE will include information about the number of months of entitlement, period of eligibility and benefit level.

  **State Benefits:** If you are applying for the WI GI Bill for the first time, go to [www.mywisvets.com](http://www.mywisvets.com). Register/Create an Account. Once your account is created and verified, log in and go to the eligibility matrix. Select ‘Apply” next to WI GI Bill.

  **Questions about applying for your benefits?** Contact Veteran Resource Center (veterans@uwosh.edu; 920-424-1804).

☐ **APPLY** for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The code for UW Oshkosh is 003920. Completing the FAFSA determines your eligibility for certain grants, loans, work study opportunities and scholarships. Questions? Contact Timber Smith, Veterans Resource Coordinator (smitht@uwosh.edu; 920-424-0704).

☐ **REGISTER** for classes. Re-entry students can schedule an appointment with an adviser in the Undergraduate Advising Resource Center by calling 920-424-1268 or by completing their Contact Us form at [https://advising.uwosh.edu/contact-us-form/](https://advising.uwosh.edu/contact-us-form/).

☐ **SUBMIT** a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility and documentation to the Veterans Resource Center (Dempsey Hall, 130).

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The University will notify the VA of your status as an enrolled student. Veteran Educational Benefits are certified on a semester basis. If you are using Tuition Assistance, all paperwork must be submitted to appropriate parties before the start of the term.

☐ **COMPLETE** and submit a Veteran Responsibility Form to the Veteran Resource Center.

☐ **CONNECT** with campus resources. From career advising to tutoring to counseling, UW Oshkosh is committed to helping you achieve your goals. Visit [http://www.uwosh.edu/academics/learning-assistance-services.html](http://www.uwosh.edu/academics/learning-assistance-services.html) for assistance with connecting to the right resources.