A Student-Veteran’s Checklist,
Created in Partnership with the Drexel Veterans Task Force and DVA

College Financing
☐ Apply for your certificate of eligibility from the VA and send it to Drexel.
☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually.
☐ Complete Veterans Benefits Request form annually (This form is available on the Drexel Central website.)
☐ Plan out a source of revenue for periods of time when VA benefits will not cover my cost of living (e.g., during term breaks or vacation periods).
☐ Make plans in advance to cover living and out-of-pocket expenses for a minimum of three months.

Stay Connected & Informed at Drexel
☐ Visit Information Resources & Technology: http://drexel.edu/irt/. Learn more about the following services at this important homepage and service.
☐ Set up a Drexel email account at http://accounts.drexel.edu & monitor your Drexel email daily and if you use another email provider, link it to your Drexel email: http://www.drexel.edu/irt/accounts/setup/.
☐ Configure laptop or mobile device to Drexel's wireless network (DragonFly) http://www.drexel.edu/irt/networks/wireless/dragonfly3/.
☐ Use the Drexel Ap on your phone to access DrexelOne and other services http://www.drexel.edu/irt/D1M/Overview/.
☐ Visit DrexelOne Daily to find important announcements and services.
☐ Watch for emails from Rebecca Weidensaul, Office of Veteran Student Services for “student-veteran” specific announcements, deadlines, reminders, opportunities...
☐ Join the Drexel Veterans Association https://drexel.collegiatelink.net/organization/drexel-veterans-association.

Before My First Quarter
☐ Identify the name and contact information for your academic advisor; the complete list is located at: http://drexel.edu/provost/aard/advising/undergraduate-advisors/.
☐ Have a conversation with your advisor regarding your academic plan, time to degree, window of benefits, number of co-ops, first-term schedule, and more.
☐ If you have a documented disability, contact the Office of Disability Resources (ODR) to discuss the documentation process for accommodation.
☐ Know where I will be living during the academic year – contact Campus Housing for assistance.
☐ Ensure that all required vaccinations are complete and provide Drexel with a certified copy of my immunization record.
☐ Secure healthcare coverage through Drexel University or have provided documentation of existing coverage consistent with university guidelines.
☐ Make arrangements for transportation, including parking if applicable or the process for getting discounted SEPTA trail/transpass; visit: http://drexel.edu/dbs/studentCenters/creeseCenter/Services/SEPTA%20ComPass/
☐ Complete my health insurance and immunization forms.

☐ Sign up for and attended a Drexel student orientation session.

☐ Obtain Drexel student identification card from the Dragon Card office (Creese Student Center).

☐ Be familiar with campus, including building locations, support resources, and veteran-specific organizations.

☐ Be familiar with academic resources; visit http://drexel.edu/provost. You will find the following information: University Course Catalog, Course Offerings by Term, Course Descriptions, Final Exam Schedule, Elective Courses open to non-majors, Registration Information and Undergraduate Research information.

Before Each Quarter

☐ Know the date and time of my registration time ticket – Week 6 Priority Registration for Student-Veterans.

☐ Check Drexel One to ensure that I am not on hold at least one week prior to the opening of my registration time ticket.

☐ Register for classes as soon as the time ticket has opened.

☐ Print or otherwise save your final schedule of classes for easy access – check the night before class to see if rooms have changed.

☐ Visit the bookstore (Center City and University City) or visit DrexelOne to find out the books that are required for classes and estimate the overall cost.

☐ If registered with the Office of Disability Resources (ODR), be sure to request and pick up a copy of my renewed Accommodation Verification Letter (AVL).

During the Quarter – Best Practices to Promote Academic Success

☐ If registered with the Office of Disability Resources (ODR), have e-mailed a copy of the Accommodation Verification Letter (AVL) for each instructor.

☐ If using official Drexel e-mail to communicate with instructors, it is good to archive those communications in the event that they become important later.

☐ Save a copy of your syllabus, notes, graded assignments for each class – you may need to reference them in the future.

☐ Create a study and assignment schedule/checklist and placed important dates on your calendar.

☐ Create a study schedule and stick to it.

☐ Review course materials and/or the example problems before class.

☐ Create pre-class notes from reading/homework to identifying key concepts or get clarity on questions.

☐ Complete all assignments on time. However, if you are unable to meet at deadline, don’t skip class; that will only make things worse. Show up to class and talk to your instructor to discuss your challenge and talk about any possible options you may have.

☐ Take lecture notes and review weekly by yourself, with a classmate or a tutor.

☐ Speak to instructors for clarity regarding concepts, assignments, and/or deadlines – use office hours, email or call them.

☐ Check your Drexel email daily for any announcements from faculty or classmates.

☐ Use Grade Tracker (available from the Drexel Learning Center) or another method for knowing where I stand in all of my classes.

☐ Consult an academic advisor in final decision making regarding registration, course drop/withdrawal, change of major, and all other academic transactions and appeals.
During the Academic Year – Get Involved on Campus & In The Community

☐ College is more than a physical place where you attend classes; Drexel presents many opportunities for my intellectual, personal, social and professional development outside the classroom. Get involved: http://drexel.edu/studentaffairs/ and http://drexel.edu/campus-life/athletics/.

☐ Recognize the power of networking with faculty, administrators, employers, and peers; I continually work to grow, nurture, maintain, and leverage my network. Attend Drexel Veterans Association Events!

☐ Recognize that giving back can give me a sense of purpose – explore civic engagement opportunities: http://www.drexel.edu/lindycenter/.