A Student-Veteran’s Guide and Tips Sheet

Tips for Getting Started

1. Get oriented. Find out more at drexel.edu/fye
2. Develop your academic plan. Submit your final military and college transcripts then meet with your academic advisor to review your transfer credit evaluation, develop an academic plan, and register for courses.
3. Get connected. Set up your Drexel e-mail account at accounts.drexel.edu. This is the address where important Drexel communications will be sent. If you have a mobile device or laptop, configure it to access DragonFly, Drexel’s wireless network.
4. Comply with health regulations. Complete the required health insurance and immunization forms.
5. Obtain a DragonCard, the Drexel ID card.
6. Confirm registration and room locations via DrexelOne. You can also view your personalized final exam schedule here.

Education Funding for Veterans

• VA Education Benefit Programs
  o Determine which benefit is best for you: Use the GI Bill Road Map for Success (gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/road-map) or call the VA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official US government website at benefits.va.gov/gibill.
  o Complete the Veterans Online Application to apply for your benefit at gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application
  o Submit a copy of your Certification of Eligibility letter and a completed Drexel's Veterans Benefits Certification Request Form to Drexel Central http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/finaid/financing/veterans/
• FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  o File one even if you have no interest in taking student loans, many veteran students will be eligible for a federal Pell grant. If you receive 100% tuition benefits, this is refundable once the VA transfers its quarterly tuition payment to your student account
  o File electronically at fafsa.gov after January 1.
  o If you are a Pennsylvania resident and file by May 1, you may be eligible for a PHEAA state grant.
• Pat Tillman Foundation – Tillman Military Scholars
  o Available to active duty, vets and spouses
  o Minimum 3.0 GPA
  o Provides up to $10,000 per year for four years and opportunities for expenses-paid travel and processional development
  o pattillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholarships/apply
Opportunities for Veteran Students

• **Veterans Lounge** - A comfortable and quiet place to study, eat, and pass downtime.
  o Located in Drexel’s Armory, 3205 Lancaster Ave. (enter on 33rd St.), Room 110 - first alcove on the right.
  o Use your Drexel ID to enter or Call for Assistance – number on the directory
  o ID and Access Code required - press 3, then 5, then 1 on the lock to enter.

• **SALUTE National Honor Society for Veterans**
  o Minimum 3.0 GPA and 12 completed credits
  o Contact Rebecca Weidensaul for more information at Rebecca@drexel.edu

• **Priority Registration** – Student-veterans may register first during week six of the term preceding classes. Priority registration is limited to two days and should be used responsibly. Find out more at drexel.edu/drexelcentral/courses/registration/registration_timetickets

• **Drexel Veterans Association** is the student organization for veterans on campus. Find out more at drexel.collegiatelink.net/organization/drexel-veterans-association

• **COOP 101 for Veterans** - If you are a full time, undergraduate student enrolled in the co-op program, the first step is to take COOP 101, the co-op prep class. For students who have prior work or military experience there is an advanced (and abbreviated) version called COOP 001, Co-op Essentials. During the fall, winter and spring terms we offer a section of COOP 101 specifically for veterans. When you will need to take COOP 101/001 depends on your “cycle” (Drexel terminology for the terms when you will do your co-op.) If you are interested in the veterans section, contact Angela Brennan at amb526@drexel.edu or Mary Ellen Ford at mt333@drexel.edu and don’t forget to include your Drexel ID.

Helpful Links and Resources

- Academic Calendars - drexel.edu/drexelcentral/courses/calendars
- Academic policies - drexel.edu/provost/policies
- Academic Advising and Resources - drexel.edu/provost/aard or drexel.edu/provost/aard/resources-programs/dlc/tutoring
- Bookstore - drexel.bncollege.com
- Course offerings by term - duapp2.drexel.edu/webtms_du/app
- University course catalog - catalog.drexel.edu
- SEPTA & NJ Transit discounts- drexel.edu/dbs/studentCenters/creeseCenter/Services/SEPTA%20ComPass
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Name: ________________________
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Student Center for Inclusion and Culture
215.895.2662
James E Marks Intercultural Center, 1st Floor

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