

Veterans Resource Guide



You have served your country, and now Waubonsee is proud to serve you. Here you'll find some basic information about funding your education, registering for classes and receiving your benefits.



Funding Your Education

• *Federal Educational Benefits for Veterans*

To learn about and apply for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other federal benefit programs, visit www.gibill.va.gov. Once you receive your DD-214 or Letter of Eligibility from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), contact the Financial Aid Office (see right) at Waubonsee.

• *State of Illinois Tuition Waivers*

To learn more about and apply for the Illinois Veteran Grant and Illinois National Guard Grant, visit www.collegezone.com and then choose "Applications." Once you receive your Letter of Eligibility, contact the Financial Aid Office (see right) at Waubonsee.

• *Educational Assistance Programs for Survivors and Dependents*

To apply for federal benefits, visit www.gibill.va.gov. To apply for state benefits, visit www.veterans.illinois.gov/benefits/education.htm. Once you receive your MIA/POW Scholarship or your Certificate of Eligibility for the Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA), contact the Financial Aid Office (see right) at Waubonsee.

• *Other Financial Aid*

In addition to educational benefits offered specifically to veterans, you are also encouraged to apply for general financial aid. For more information, visit www.waubonsee.edu/financialaid or go directly to the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) website at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Remember that Waubonsee's school code is 006931.

Receiving Your Benefits

In order to continue receiving your educational benefits, you need to maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, according to the VA Academic Progress Standards. Also, you need to submit a "Veteran's Enrollment Certification Request" after you register for courses each semester. The form is available through Waubonsee's veterans Web page at www.waubonsee.edu/veterans or through the mywcc portal. After signing into mywcc, go to the Student tab and then the Student Forms portlet.

- *For assistance with getting started, academic advising, benefit/referral information, and the evaluation of military training for college credit, please contact:*

Heather Watson
Transfer/Veterans Advisor
Student Center, Room 278
(630) 466-7900, ext. 2091
hwatson@waubonsee.edu
Office Hours:
8 a.m. - 3 p.m., M, T and Th
1 - 8 p.m., W

- *For assistance with financial aid and veterans' benefits, please contact:*

(if your last name ends in A-M)
Ashley Armstrong
Financial Aid Advisor
Student Center, Room 246
(630) 466-7900, ext. 2902
aarmstrong@waubonsee.edu
Office Hours:
8 a.m - 4:30 p.m., M, T, Th, F
11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., W

(if your last name ends in N-Z)
Andrea Wheeler, Financial Aid Advisor
Student Center, Room 244
(630) 466-7900, ext. 2797
awheeler@waubonsee.edu
Office Hours:
11:30 a.m - 8 p.m., M
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., T - F



Getting Started at Waubonsee

Once you activate your educational benefits, you are ready to enroll at Waubonsee. Transfer and Veterans Advisor Heather Watson will be happy to help you with any academic issues, such as choosing the right major or finding support services at the college. Her contact information is listed on the front of this flier. She can also help you gain college credit for your military experience.

Earning Credit for Military Experience

• *Military Basic Training*

You may be granted a total of 4 semester hours of credit as a result of your basic training — 3 credits in health education and 1 credit in physical education. Simply submit Waubonsee's Request for Evaluation Form, along with a copy of VA Form DD214, a Separation Record or Certificate of Completion, which can be requested from the National Archives.

• *Military Occupational Training*

You may be granted credit for your military training if it is equivalent to a Waubonsee course. Submit Waubonsee's Request for Evaluation Form, along with a copy of the VA Form DD214, ACE Registry Transcript (AARTS), SMART transcript or course completion certificate.

To download Waubonsee's Request for Evaluation Form and for more information on obtaining copies of your military transcripts, visit www.waubonsee.edu/veterans.

Receiving Credit from Other Colleges

If you wish to transfer credit from another college or university into Waubonsee, you will need to complete Waubonsee's Transcript Evaluation Request Form, which is available online at www.waubonsee.edu. An official copy of your transcript must be on file in order for the evaluation to be processed.

Connecting with Other Veterans

The Waubonsee Community College Veterans Club serves to connect student veterans on campus and to provide opportunities for camaraderie between individuals with similar backgrounds and experiences. The group also serves as a peer network, sponsoring monthly social gatherings. Contact Student Activities at (630) 466-2369 for more information, or visit the "Waubonsee Community College Veterans" Facebook page.

www.waubonsee.edu/veterans

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