COME JOIN US
We recognize your selfless service to our nation and want to thank you! The Office of Veterans Affairs at ETSU will help you make the most of your hard-earned VA education benefits. We will also assist you in navigating the academic environment with various resources on and off campus.

Enroll NOW to begin your exciting journey toward an undergraduate or graduate degree. Whether you decide to take classes here in East Tennessee or online—or both!—we’re here to help.
East Tennessee State University has a long history of supporting America’s veterans and their dependents. Our commitment to serving you with excellence is enduring and unwavering. Whether you’re just transitioning from combat to classroom, your service was earlier in life, or you’re the spouse or child of someone still serving, we want to help you achieve your educational goals.

The Office of Veterans Affairs is staffed by men and women who have been in your boots as both servicemembers and family members. We understand military service and the transition from one role to another. We pledge to use our experience to address any and all of your needs in a friendly and professional manner.
Currently, more than 500 veterans and family members are using the GI Bill at ETSU! Contact our office for the latest information concerning VA educational benefits, and find out more about what it’s like to be a student veteran at etsu.edu/veterans.

**MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL**

ETSU has been selected as a “Military Friendly School” for seven consecutive years (2010-2016) by Victory Media and GI Jobs Magazine. Faculty, staff, and students at this institution provide a genuinely friendly and supportive atmosphere, and look forward to welcoming you as a new Buccaneer.

**YELLOW RIBBON AND BUC HERO**

We are a Yellow Ribbon School and offer a Buc Hero Scholarship to reduce or eliminate out-of-state fees. See page 7 for more details.

**DEFERRED PAYMENT**

The Office of Veterans Affairs, in partnership with the Bursar’s Office, offers a “No Worry” payment method. A Tuition & Fees Deferment form is offered to qualifying students each semester that removes out-of-pocket, up-front expenses while you wait for your GI Bill payments to be made by the VA.
VETERANS LOUNGE

Your military affiliation has earned you a unique place on campus where you can finish that research project or relax between classes. With 24/7 availability and exclusive access to veterans, reservists, and current students using VA education benefits*, it’s a location built to encourage scholarly and personal success.

*If you are a veteran or reservist who isn’t using benefits, you can still use the lounge! Just bring us proof of your service, such as your military ID or DD-214.

ON-CAMPUS DISABILITY SERVICES

We recognize that some veterans begin their academic journey with service-connected disabilities that deserve respect and understanding. Disability Services can assist in needs concerning parking, counseling, or classroom attendance.

NEARBY VETERANS HOSPITAL

A huge benefit awaits veterans attending ETSU through its close proximity to the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center. It’s literally right across the street! Their site offers not only individual medical treatment, but also boasts ETSU’s College of Medicine and work study opportunities for eligible students.
FINANCIAL AID
**YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM**

As a Yellow Ribbon participant, ETSU partners with the VA to cover out-of-state tuition up to 100% for qualifying Post-9/11 GI Bill veterans and dependents. We offer an unlimited number of Yellow Ribbon scholarships, unlike many other colleges state and nationwide.

Basic eligibility per the VA:
- You must be eligible for the maximum benefit rate under the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- You must not be on Active Duty or a spouse using transferred entitlement

**THE BUC HERO PROGRAM**

Unique to ETSU, this scholarship offers additional assistance to veterans who may not qualify for Yellow Ribbon.

**IN-STATE TUITION RATES FOR TRANSITIONING VETERANS AND FAMILIES**

If you or your family recently transitioned from Active Duty, you may be automatically eligible for in-state tuition.

*Reference our website for more information or contact our offices to discuss your eligibility for these programs.*
ROTC PROGRAM

If you’re interested in continuing your military service, ROTC offers a path to earn a degree as well as a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. You’ll experience traditional college life alongside military training through specially designed coursework and field exercises.

INTERESTED?

Contact the Buccaneer Battalion cadre today to learn more!
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READY TO GET STARTED?
HERE’S HOW:

1. Apply to ETSU!

2. Submit all official transcripts for evaluation, to include your military transcript.

3. Apply for VA benefits at vabenefits.vba.va.gov; receive a Certificate of Eligibility in the mail.

4. Attend Orientation with Office of Veterans Affairs staff; bring a copy of your DD-214, VA Certificate of Eligibility, and other supporting documents.

5. Let us take care of you from there!

GO BUCS!
You served your country with excellence; let us match that Excellence through Service.

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