



## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

## EDUCATION AND CAREER COUNSELING

### WHAT IS THE EDUCATION AND CAREER COUSELING PROGRAM?

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Education and Career Counseling program (Title 38 U.S.C. Chapter 36) offers a great opportunity for transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans to get personalized counseling and support to guide their career paths, ensure most effective use of their VA benefits, and achieve their goals.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Transitioning Servicemembers within six months prior to discharge from active duty
- Veterans within one year following discharge from active duty
- Any Servicemember/Veteran eligible for a VA education benefit
- All current VA education beneficiaries

#### SERVICES INCLUDE ASSISTING SERVICEMEMBERS/VETERANS WITH

- Career Choice - understand the best career options based on your interests and capabilities
- Benefits Coaching - guidance on the effective use of VA benefits and/or other resources to achieve education and career goals
- Personalized Support - Academic or adjustment counseling and personalized support to help remove any barriers to success

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

To connect with a VA counselor and receive this personalized assistance, apply here <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-28-8832-ARE.pdf>. After we receive your application, we will contact you to schedule a time to meet with one of our counselors.

For additional questions or help, contact VA by calling the nationwide toll free number, 1-800-827-1000. For hearing impaired, dial 1-800-829-4833.

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



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