



Office of Military and Veteran Student Success



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Services/Resources

- **Enrollment and Certification**
 - VA Benefits
 - Orientation and Certification
- **Academic Services**
 - Academic Probation
 - Students at Risk
 - Benefits Impact
- **Career Services**
 - Career Fairs
 - Workshops and Networking
- **Green Zone Training for Staff and Faculty**
- **Monthly Programming**
- **Community Connections and Resources**



Program Overview

- **Soldiers to Scholars Program**

- Open to honorably discharged veterans who are enrolled at UCF, Valencia College, Seminole State College
- Agree to volunteer 10 hours per week with at-risk youth
- Provide mentorship and guidance to elementary aged children
- Provides tuition assistance and a book stipend for student veterans who meet requirements

- **Veteran Success Camp**

- Launches Fall 2024 as a 6-hour workshop
- Designed to provide student veterans with tips and tricks to success in a university setting.
- All first-semester student veterans will be required to attend the workshop

Updates & Reminders

- **Updates**

- Military students using Chapter 33 benefits must be enrolled as full-time student (12 hours) throughout the entire semester to receive maximum benefits.
- Certification windows open 30 days prior to semester start date.

- **Reminders**

- **Military Students** must be enrolled in classes before their hours can be certified for the VA
- **Catalog Updates:** Catalog review and approval happens every year, if your college is changing degrees and/or updating information please contact our office.

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