

VISITING YOUR VA ADVISOR

Remember:

1. Bring your DD-214 and any college transcripts to the meeting.
2. Ask your VA advisor for information regarding policies for military personnel, veterans, and their dependents.

Seven questions you should ask your VA advisor:

1. What options are available to earn college credit (e.g. CLEP testing, credit for military experience)?
2. What are the important dates and deadlines for attending class this semester?
3. How and when will my GI Benefits be applied toward my student account?
4. What degree programs are available that will lead to high demand occupations?
5. Where and when do I apply?
6. What support activities are available for military personnel or veterans?
7. What email address should I use to contact you if I have additional questions?

☐ **Today**

Visit <http://www.va.gov/> to review policies and information regarding your GI Bill benefits

1. Complete necessary application and paperwork to begin the process
2. Find out about available resources on eligible educational programs
3. Request your DD-214 transcripts

☐ **1 year prior to attending a university**

Meet with a university and/or VA advisor

1. Discuss options for degree programs and core curriculum courses. If attending a community college, complete an advising plan to review applicability of courses for transfer (unofficial until admissions process has been completed and you've been admitted) and degree requirements.
Remember to get the e-mail address of your advisor.
2. Ask about the university admissions process.

☐ **6–9 months prior to attending the university**

1. Complete and submit the admissions application, and additional paperwork if required, to the university or community college.

Deadline: March 1 (priority). UT Austin and Texas A&M University College Station have earlier deadlines.

Submit the following documents:

- Application
 - Official transcripts from all colleges attended, DD-214 of military service
 - Application fee (check or money order): _____
2. Complete financial aid (FAFSA) form. **Deadline: March 15 (priority).**
 3. Schedule an appointment with an advisor from the department of your major and plan your classes.

□ *After you've been admitted*

1. After your first semester begins, meet with your major-department advisor each semester to ensure you are staying on the right track and meeting all graduation requirements.
2. Be sure to make all tuition and housing deadlines.
3. When you're one semester away from completing your graduation requirements, file for your degree, then celebrate your accomplishment by participating in the graduation ceremony.