

## WELCOME

The Veterans Recruitment and Services Office was established to help veterans and dependents of veterans achieve their educational goals at St. Ambrose University. The coordinator serves as the VA certifying official and St. Ambrose liaison with the Department of Veterans Affairs, ensuring that eligible students understand and maximize their GI Bill® benefits. The office helps advocate on behalf of veterans at the local, state and national levels, and coordinates outreach to local schools, agencies, employers and veterans support organizations. These efforts help the university to better serve current students, and ensures continuing support for our nations' best and brightest—its veterans.

## Veterans Checklist

- > **Apply to St. Ambrose** at [www.sau.edu/apply](http://www.sau.edu/apply)
- > **Get your transcripts.** The VA requires SAU to evaluate and report all transfer credit. In addition, veterans may receive college credit for military experience. Your Joint Service Transcripts can be ordered online at <https://jst.doded.mil>. Air Force veterans and service members should visit the SAU Veterans Services website for transcript information. All transcripts should be mailed to St. Ambrose University Admissions Office, 518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803.
- > **Apply for VA education benefits.** Determine the right type of education benefit at <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply>. This application may take 4-6 weeks to process.
- > **Fill out the Veterans Worksheet** found on the SAU website [www.sau.edu/VeteranServices](http://www.sau.edu/VeteranServices). Submit this worksheet, along with a Certificate of Eligibility and a certified copy of your DD214 member 4 copy, to SAU Veterans Services. Reserve members should submit NOBE and Kicker contract, if applicable.
- > **Complete the FAFSA.** Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- > **Apply for scholarships and grants.** There are many opportunities for scholarships, grants, loans and a variety of other financial aid resources to help offset student expenses. [www.sau.edu/financialaid](http://www.sau.edu/financialaid)
- > **Apply for medical benefits.** To better serve eligible Quad City veterans, the Iowa City VA Health Care System operates an outpatient clinic in Davenport. Veterans may be eligible to enroll for health care benefits if they served on active duty and

separated under conditions other than dishonorable. Details at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application>

- > **Find housing.** SAU has several housing options for students, both on- and off-campus. The Department of Residence Life is sensitive to the housing needs of non-traditional students such as veterans. [www.sau.edu/residencelife](http://www.sau.edu/residencelife)
- > **Get a job.** Students who register for BeeCAREERS can search for jobs, internships, on-campus interviews, career events and more. [www.sau.edu/careercenter](http://www.sau.edu/careercenter)
- > **Verify your enrollment.** Web automated verification of enrollment for students receiving MGIB-AD or SR is available at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) 24/7 or call automated system at 877-823-2378.
- > **Important benefits information.** In order to remain eligible for VA benefits, students must maintain satisfactory progress. This is defined under Academic Information in the St. Ambrose catalog ([www.sau.edu/catalog](http://www.sau.edu/catalog)). Typically, the VA will only pay for courses toward a degree program, so it is advantageous to make this choice as early as possible. GI Bill payments are made monthly in arrears (for example, the November payment is made in December). Accordingly, students should be prepared to pay upfront expenses at the start of a term—including books—out of pocket until payments are received.

## For Further Information

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## **Additional St. Ambrose Resources**

Several St. Ambrose offices and groups help aid veterans in the process of transitioning from military life into college.

Accessibility Resource Center  
Cosgrove Hall, lower level  
563-333-6275, fax 563-333-6248

Admissions  
Admissions and Welcome Center  
563-333-6300

Adult Accelerated (ACCEL) Program  
Ambrose Hall, first floor  
563-333-6126

Bee Central  
Ambrose Hall, first floor  
563-333-5775

Counseling Center  
Rogalski Center, second floor  
563-333-6423

Financial Aid  
Ambrose Hall, first floor  
563-333-5775

Office of the Registrar  
Ambrose Hall, first floor  
563-333-6202, fax 563-333-6206

Student Success Center  
Ambrose Hall, first floor  
563-333-6331

## **State and Federal Resources**

VA Education Benefits  
<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill>  
888-442-4551

VA Support: 800-827-1000  
Direct Deposit Enrollment: 877-838-2778

VA Medical Center, Quad Cities Outpatient Clinic  
2826 West Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa 52804  
563-332-8528, fax 563-332-9331

Iowa Workforce Development  
[www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov](http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov)  
1801-A East Kimberly Road, Davenport, Iowa 52806  
563-445-3200, fax 563-445-3240

Des Moines Regional VA Office  
210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309  
800-827-1000

Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs  
<https://va.iowa.org>  
7105 NW 70th Avenue, Camp Dodge Bldg. 3663,  
Johnston, Iowa 50131  
515-242-5331

Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Regional Office  
9700 Page Avenue, Suite 101 – Compliance & Liaison  
St. Louis, Mo. 63132

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