MILITARY/VETERAN NEWCOMER’S PACKET

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Military/Veterans Checklist

1. Visit the Military/Veteran Resource Center. Connect with a team of military/veteran peer counselors and advisors who can guide you through each step in the admissions and enrollment process at AACC.

2. Complete the Application for VA Education Benefits form online. To determine your benefit eligibility and apply for Veterans Affairs education benefits, visit www.va.gov/education/apply. Save a copy of your confirmation number. It takes about 30 days for the VA to process an education claim. Once approved, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (CDE) or Award Letter.

3. Apply for admission to AACC. To apply, complete an application online at www.aacc.edu/apply-and-register.

4. Activate your MYAACC account. For instructions visit www.aacc.edu/resources and select Technology.

5. Submit official transcripts. Hand-deliver or mail official, sealed high school, college and military transcripts to: Records and Registration, 101 College Parkway, 5553 Building Room 140, Arnold, MD 21012. Official electronic PDF transcripts can be emailed to records@aacc.edu.


7. Attend an orientation session. Look for the “Military/Veteran Newcomer’s Briefing” session, if available. You can RSVP for an orientation session online at www.aacc.edu/orientation.

8. Meet with an academic advisor. Call 410-777-4838 or 410-777-2530 to schedule a first-term benefits/academic advising appointment through the MVRC. Mention that you are a new military/veteran student when you call. Advising sessions typically include a discussion of your career interests, Fields of Interest, VA benefits, course selection and scheduling. General advising also is available through the academic advising office.

9. Register for courses. This must be done using a paper credit registration form for your initial term, but can be done online via your MYAACC account for subsequent terms.

10. Complete and submit the AACC VA Enrollment Verification Form, along with a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility (CDE) or Award Letter; to: Financial Aid, 101 College Parkway, 5553 Building Room 160, Arnold, MD 21012. Documents also can be faxed to 410-777-4019 or scanned and emailed to vabenefits@aacc.edu.

Prepare for Your Courses

- Get your student ID card. You will need your driver’s license or other valid, government-issued ID for verification purposes. Bring an official copy of your course schedule or bill from within the last 24 hours, and be prepared to have your picture taken. For information visit www.aacc.edu/resources and select Student Records.

- Purchase course materials, including textbooks, in the AACC Bookstore or online at www.aaccbooks.com. The college offers a Book Advance option for students using VA education benefits. Contact the financial aid office for information.

- Stay informed about campus alerts and closings via AACC’s e2Campus service. Sign up at www.aacc.edu/campusalerts.

- Familiarize yourself with the campus. Make sure you know in advance where your classes will meet and the parking options. Check out campus locations and maps at www.aacc.edu/about.

- Review collegiate and academic policies at www.aacc.edu/policies.

- Review the academic calendar for holiday and college break schedules at www.aacc.edu/calendar and select Academic Calendar.

Seek Additional Financial Assistance

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov for Pell Grant, student loan and Federal Work-Study eligibility. AACC’s Federal School Code is 002058.

- Apply for AACC institutional scholarships by visiting www.aacc.edu/costs-and-paying and select Financial Aid and Scholarships.

- Check your eligibility for on-campus employment as a VA work-study student. Contact the MVRC at 410-777-4838 or veterans@aacc.edu for information.

- Consider paid internship opportunities. Check out Become an Intern at www.aacc.edu/campus-life.

- Get help with your résumé, interviewing skills and more through the employment services office at www.aacc.edu/resources and select Careers and Employment.

Build Your Support Team

To learn more about each of these services, visit www.aacc.edu/resources.

- Receive essential academic advising by contacting the Military/Veteran Resource Center or academic advising.

- Benefit from enhanced advising, goal setting, scholarship opportunities and more by joining the Student Achievement and Success Program (SASP).

- Seek a tutor for assistance with writing, mathematics and other subjects.

- Request an academic accommodation if you have a documented disability by contacting Disabilities Support Services (DSS).

- Speak with a librarian or reference technician for assistance with research projects. Your student ID card is also your library card.

Get Involved

- Visit the Military/Veteran Resource Center to connect with other military/veteran students.

- Connect with AACC’s chapter of the Student Veterans of America (SVA) and other student organizations via The Nest at nest.aacc.edu.

- Visit our “AACC Military and Veterans” Facebook page and our online community in Canvas through your MYAACC portal.

- Check out a variety of campus activities at www.aacc.edu/calendar.

Maintain Your Health

- Visit The Bunker, a quiet and comfortable space within the Military/Veteran Resource Center, for students to find relief from the rigor of academics and other stressors.

- Keep fit using state-of-the-art cardiovascular fitness and weight training equipment in the Fitness Center, located in the Jenkins Gymnasium Room 213. Your student ID card is required for entry.

- Receive self-care information, enjoy the Stressless Room (a private room with an electronic massage chair, relaxing music and more), or get help with substance abuse or addictions at the Health and Wellness Center in Student Union Room 102.

- Seek personal assistance through Counseling Services in Student Services Room 200, or meet with a VA counselor in the MVRC.

Fuel Your Learning

- The Hawk’s Nest Grill and Deli on the first floor of the Student Union has a variety of ready-made and made-to-order meal options, snacks and beverages.

- The campus also features a Chick-fil-A kiosk in the Center for Applied Learning and Technology Building atrium, and a Subway kiosk on the first floor of the Careers Center.

- The MVRC has fresh coffee, water (cold/hot) and snacks.

- The AACC Bookstore (all locations) sells drinks and snacks, and many buildings have vending machines.