



UIW

MILITARY AND VETERAN CENTER
VETERAN'S PROGRAMS GUIDE
2021-2022

Military and Veteran Center

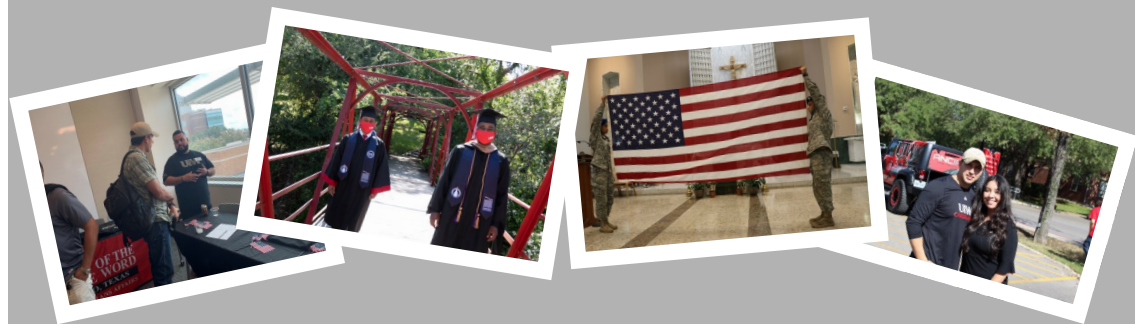
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Welcome to the Nest

Congratulations on your acceptance to UIW! We are excited to help you navigate your journey to obtaining a college degree. The UIW Military and Veteran Center has a dedicated staff who is here to assist you with any questions you may have regarding the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year. It has been a difficult and challenging time during the COVID-19 pandemic, but UIW has taken precautions to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students. The start of this new year will see more in-person classes, and we are excited to welcome everyone to our beautiful campus.

UIW is proud to serve our nation's veterans, and we strive to be the best college experience for those who have served our great nation. In doing so, we offer the following:

- Over 90 GI Bill® approved undergraduate and graduate programs
- Yellow Ribbon school since 2011
- Student Veterans of America chapter on campus
- Peer Advisors for Veterans Education (PAVE) mentor/mentee program
- Almost 25% of UIW students are military, veteran or military affiliated
- The Athletics Department hosts Military Appreciation Games for many of our sports

The University of the Incarnate Word's president, Dr. Thomas M. Evans, has laid out eight strategic priorities. One of the priorities is to be the premier provider for those who have served their country. We here in the Military and Veteran Center are doing everything we can live out that mission. If you need any assistance during your time at UIW, our office is here to provide you with any help we can.

Once again, congratulations on your acceptance to the University and welcome to the Nest, Cardinal!

- Your Military and Veteran Center Office

Veteran Tribute Stole



If you are a graduating UIW student veteran, you can request a veteran tribute stole.

A veteran stole is provided for free to all veterans upon request by the UIW Military and Veteran Center. Students can either request their stole to be mailed or to pick it up in person.



Purepost Profile

Purepost allows you to get a head start with understanding how your experience translates to private sector skills and experience.

The Benefits

- ▶ **UIW career professionals have immediate access to student profiles to begin providing feedback and guidance on creating a resume.**
- ▶ **Free for all students.**
- ▶ **Takes less than 30 minutes to complete.**
- ▶ **UIW career professionals may share profiles with partners to maximize your future opportunities.**

▶ Go to <https://www.purepost.co/uiw>



Translate Your Work Experience

- ▶ **1. Select a Military or Civilian Job.**
- ▶ **2. Receive an instant output of job statements.**
- ▶ **3. Select from a list of job statements and add more detail.**
- ▶ **4. Create job statement and receive guidance from UIW career professionals.**

▶ Get started now: <https://www.purepost.co/uiw>

Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL)

What is VITAL?

The VITAL initiative is a partnership between the VA Healthcare System and local colleges and universities to support Student Veterans on campus and assists them in completion of their education and healthcare goals. VITAL assists Veterans in accessing and navigating their healthcare services and promotes a positive relationship between Veterans and the entire learning community through campus and community education and training.

How the VITAL Program Can Benefit Student Veterans:

- Provide education on various VA benefits and services Veterans are entitled to as well as assist with enrollment into VA healthcare.
- Assist Veterans in accessing and navigating available VA resources as well as community and on campus services to support Veterans' educational success.
- Provide brief counseling services to eligible Student Veterans.

VITAL Eligible Veterans:

To receive ongoing VITAL services eligible Students Veterans must:

- Meet Veterans Health Administration criteria for healthcare services.
- Be enrolled in the VA healthcare system.
- If not eligible for VA healthcare the VITAL coordinator will assist Veterans in accessing on campus and community services.

If a Veteran is not yet enrolled in VA services or needs help understanding eligibility requirements for VA healthcare the VITAL Coordinator can assist them.

Mission Statement:

The mission of VITAL is to provide world-class healthcare to improve the overall quality of life for Veterans, while supporting their successful integration into college and university campuses. VITAL achieves this through seamless access to VA healthcare services and on-campus resources.

If you have any questions or wish to learn more about VITAL services contact:



**Colleen Ward, LCSW
VITAL Program Coordinator
(726) 300-2885**



VA Campus Toolkit

Colleen will be available in the Military & Veteran Center Office in person every other Tuesday. Walk-ins welcomed, no appointment necessary.





ARMY ROTC TWO YEAR PROGRAM **FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS** **BECOME AN ARMY OFFICER IN TWO YEARS!**

UIW ROTC is accepting qualified students with at least 60 credit hours to enroll in Army ROTC and take the course as a junior and senior. Or, if you are pursuing a master's degree, you may also qualify! All applicants may be eligible for a full scholarship plus room and board.

Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Must have 60 or more college hours towards your degree, or be working towards a master's program
- Must be accepted by University of the Incarnate Word
- Must obtain your degree and commission as an officer by your 30th birthday
- Meet Physical and Medical standards
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on active duty, reserve component or National Guard
- Must have prior service or more than three years of JROTC experience – if not, need to attend Basic Camp

Army ROTC Basic Camp:

- Must be completed before enrolling in junior/senior years as an Army ROTC Cadet
- Four weeks of leadership training and team building at Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Free travel and lodging!
- Earn \$1,000 for four weeks!
- Make lasting friendships and learn valuable skills

Potential Scholarships:

- Full tuition and fees!
- ROTC monthly allowance (TAX FREE SPENDING MONEY!!) \$420 per month
- \$1,200 per year book allowance!
- Potential University Incentives – free room and board
- Guaranteed job upon graduation – approximately \$44,000 per year (not including benefits)
- Worldwide travel and adventures
- Interesting work – not the typical 9-5 job!

Commitment:

- An eight-year service commitment to the Army as an Army Officer.
- Chose to serve in one of twenty-four branches in the Army! Including Medical Corps, Nurse Corps and more!
- You can either serve all eight years in the reserve components of the Army, or four years active and four years reserve

Call/email the UIW ROTC Enrollment Officer for more information:

210-638-1784 / ROTC@UIW.TX.EDU

Did you know as a student veteran you may qualify for free meals?

Meals for Vets
is a program that provides
student veterans who have low income
with **free daily meals.**

Getting through school is hard enough without the stress of not knowing if you'll be able to afford to eat. Meals for Vets and the University of the Incarnate Word have partnered up to make sure you can get a daily meal to help fuel your success.

To qualify:

- Must have served at least 180 days federal active duty
- Provide proof of service (such as DD-214)
- Provide proof of all household income and benefits
- Meet low income qualifications

To learn more and apply, call:

Meals for Vets
830.992.3375

Or apply online:

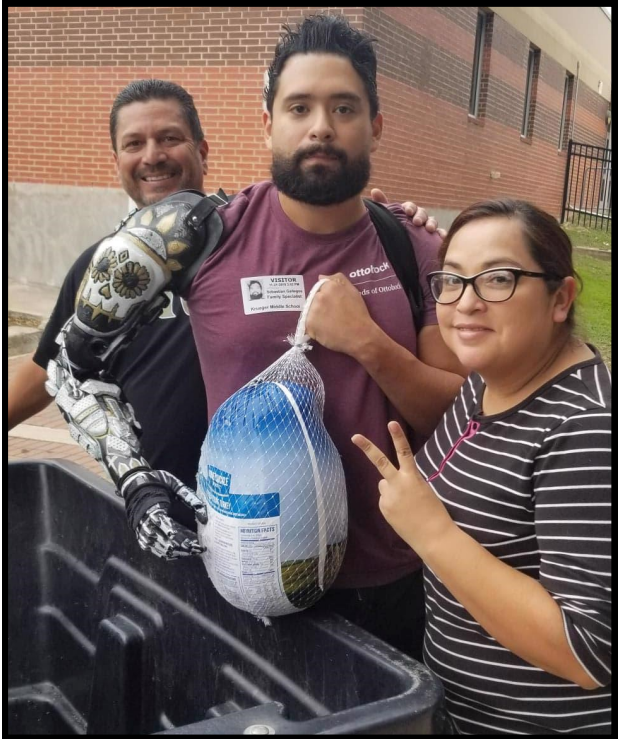
mealsforvets.org/help



800.676.1389 | info@honorveteransnow.org | mealsforvets.org



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Peer Advisors for Veteran Education

PEER ADVISORS FOR VETERAN EDUCATION (PAVE)
A Peer Support Program for Student Veterans

PAVE is a peer support program that connects incoming student veterans with student veterans already on campus in order to help them navigate college life, identify challenges they face, refer the student to appropriate resources on or off campus, and provide ongoing support toward academic and personal goals. UIW is one of three colleges in Texas, and one of 47 throughout the country, to have been awarded the PAVE program.

The goals of the program are to:

- Ease the transition from military to university life.
- Improve student veterans' sense of connectedness to the university.
- Create a safe haven and source of support.
- Identify mental health issues and other concerns in a timely fashion and connect student veterans with appropriate resources.
- Improve student veteran academic performance.
- Increase student veteran retention rates.
- Advisors sharing their own experiences of the university.

Activities:

- Meet and greets and socials to connect with other student veterans.
- Networking.
- Career readiness
- Special guest speakers.

For more information about PAVE:

- Visit our website: uiw.edu/military-veteran-services/veterans/pave-program
- E-mail us: pave@uiwtx.edu



IN 2009, THE STUDENT VETERANS AT THE **UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD** ESTABLISHED A **STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA** CHAPTER.

THE MISSION OF UIW'S CHAPTER OF THE STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA IS TO EXPEDITE, FACILITATE AND REINFORCE THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FOR U.S. MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO UNIVERSITY LIFE, WHILE FOSTERING A LASTING BOND OF FRIENDSHIP WITH VETERANS OF ALLIED ARMED FORCES AND MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP.



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