

2023 Veteran Promise Report



Campus	Number of Applicants Under the Act	Number of Eligible Military Students and Eligible Veteran Students Enrolled Under the Act	Amount of Any Application Fees Waived for Applicants Under the Act	Any Additional Support, Service, or Assistance Provided to Participating Eligible Military Students and Eligible Veteran Students Under the Act
University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)	351	86	\$15,795	(a)
University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)	25	6	\$2,325	(b)
University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)	648	343	\$29,101	(c)
University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK)	51	10	\$2,295	(d)
University of Nebraska System	1,075	445	\$49,516	

- (a) UNL has a one-stop shop location to serve and support all military connected students including Veterans. The Center is focused on five pillars of excellence: (1) Education Benefits – VA benefits, tuition assistance, residency tuition for military connected students, scholarships, and residency tuition application information; (2) Academic Support – free tutoring, study areas, computers, and printing; (3) Student Service – partnering with all student services available at UNL to increase awareness and access (e.g., Services for Students with Disabilities, Student Veterans of America-UNL Chapter, and Counseling and Psychological Services) and partnering with services in the local community (e.g., Veteran Affairs services, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars); (4) Career Services – partnering with military friendly companies in Nebraska, educating students on state and federal job opportunities and applications, partnering with UNL Career Services to assist with resume and interview preparation; and (5) Outreach On/Off Campus – Center staff are advocates for our military connected students at UNL and work closely with faculty and staff to help students accomplish their academic goals. In addition, the Center engages with multiple organizations in the local community to ensure military connected students are aware of the numerous services available in Nebraska (e.g., Nebraska Veteran and Family Task Force).
- (b) UNMC students can receive the following additional support, services, and assistance: ability to participate in the Veteran's Affairs Academic Scholars Program (in partnership with the Veterans Administration of Nebraska and Western Iowa Health Care Systems, UNMC provides hands-on clinical opportunities for students that address issues unique to veterans); UNMC College of Nursing is approved for the Air Force Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program (NECP), offering active-duty Airmen/Airwomen an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing, an in-demand career in the Air Force; waiver of enrollment fee and supplemental application fee; military study room in Omaha with badge access; new military student orientation every fall; academic support from academic success coordinators in each division; access to behavioral health counseling; and guaranteed admission for military students with a 3.3 GPA or higher that meet all requirements.
- (c) UNO offers connections to Veterans Education Benefits, Federal and State Military Tuition Assistance, and NDVA Waiver of tuition through collaborative efforts from the Financial Aid Office, the Military Connected Resource Center (MCRC), and a satellite office on Offutt Air Force Base. The MCRC is in the Student Center and provides additional support and resources for all military connected students including academic success initiatives like tutoring, advising, and a dedicated librarian, military specific career services, and dedicated space for studying, printing, and peer support. UNO supports Veterans and service members by awarding college credit for prior education or military experience acquired while in service to our country—saving our students time and resources spent on degree completion. UNO has developed procedures to provide each student with maximum flexibility, with 100% refunds in the event the student is called to Active Duty, as well as priority registration for Veterans and service members to ensure first access to needed courses. To ensure all students' needs are met, UNO works to collaborate with units across campus (e.g., Counseling, Accessibility Services) and throughout our community (e.g., Vet Center, AtEase, Military Leaders, Employer Partners) to provide the most comprehensive support possible.
- (d) UNKs Military and Veteran Services Office is staffed by a full-time trained professional who serves as the point of contact and the VA School Certifying Official. Students receive personalized assistance in obtaining VA education benefits, military federal and state tuition assistance, and the NDVA wavier of tuition program. Services include advising and providing support and information about resources available to students on and off campus. Located in the same department, the Military and Veteran Student Center is a designated area for military- connected students where they can study, gather, and relax between classes. UNK waives the application fee for military-connected students, and credit may be given for courses taken at another school, or for military experience and basic training. Policies are in place for mandatory military absences. The short-term policy grants excused absences for days missed for training and is designed for students who are actively drilling and attending two weeks or less of training during the academic year. The long-term policy provides students who are called to active duty for an extended period with several options for continuing their education. Full refunds are given at the student's request. Each student receiving federal financial aid funding is paired with a staff member in the Financial Aid Office, who will remain their contact for the duration of their enrollment to assist with questions regarding the process for applying for and receiving grants, loans, and scholarships.