

Getting Military Benefits Started at UNO

Applying for admittance:

Apply to the University of Nebraska at Omaha

<https://www.unomaha.edu/admissions/apply/index.php>

Apply For or Manage Your VA Benefits online at www.va.gov

Under **Education**, click **Apply for education benefits**. Under heading “How do I apply?” click button that says **Find your education benefits form**

You will need to fill out a form for the VA if you are a:

- *First Time Benefit User*
- *Transfer Student*

Once you receive your certificate of eligibility (COE) upload the 1st page using the “Military-Connected Document Upload” function under “My Important Messages” on MavLINK.

This letter may take 30 days or more to be mailed to you (you do not need to wait for this letter before completing other steps).

- ❑ **Complete the UNO-VA Agreement Form** after receiving a NUID, at:

https://docs.google.com/a/unomaha.edu/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxTrqbB0gIbLS_Vj9YMqkR_42vXHdX_X-b1T9LPA2fd5Sjg/viewform

After you have been admitted:

- ❑ **Establish Residency** Click the link for more information if you are an [out-of-state resident](#) or recently moved to Nebraska. If you want to claim residency for tuition purposes (this will make a difference in whether you are charged in-state or out-of-state tuition), please complete the Application for Residence Classification for Tuition Purposes via eForm which can be found on the residency page, or the [Paper Form](#) to request resident tuition. Form must be notarized and submitted with military orders (plus additional paperwork for dependents).
- ❑ **Complete Online Orientation** – click on ‘**sign up for orientation**’ on your MavLINK “To Do List”. It does take up to 48 hours to have access to it on Canvas. It takes approximately 2 hours to complete and can be done on your own time. Please complete this before you meet with an academic advisor to enroll for spring/fall classes. Learn more about orientation here: <https://www.unomaha.edu/student-life/achievement/new-student-and-family-programs/orientation/index.php>
- ❑ **Set up an appointment with your program’s listed academic advisor** to be able to enroll for classes. Students can use MavTRACK to make appointments with their academic advisor online at [MavTRACK | my.unomaha | University of Nebraska Omaha](#). (Transfer students will not have access to MavTRACK, so you will need to reach out to a program advisor to set up an appointment.)
 - The following link will take you to the advising page where you can find your program department and contact information.
<https://www.unomaha.edu/advising/students/contact-the-right-advisor.php>

- ❑ **Enroll** in classes by accessing your MavLINK page and clicking **Enrollment**.
- ❑ **Pay the \$100 Enrollment Deposit** through MavLINK to reserve your spot in the upcoming class. Students looking to defer the \$100 payment can contact the Admissions office and request an Enrollment Deposit Deferral.
 - Note: For students with 100% eligibility using Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill), or Chapter 31 (Veteran Readiness and Employment) benefits, you do not need to pay this \$100 as it will be invoiced to the VA.
- ❑ **Complete the Notice of Intent (NOI)** on MavLINK
 - NOI form should automatically populate after you enroll in classes
 - If the NOI does not populate within 24 hours after you enroll, email or call OMVS with a confirmation that you intend to use your benefits for the upcoming term
 - This needs to be completed for every semester you plan to use benefits

Other Benefits:

- ❑ Current service member? Learn about Federal Tuition Assistance through:
 - Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard: www.navycollege.navy.mil/tuition-assistance
 - Air Force: www.afpc.af.mil/Benefits-and-Entitlements/Military-Tuition-Assistance-Program/
 - Army: www.goarmyed.com

IMPORTANT NOTE: UNO requires your approval verification form before Federal Tuition Assistance can be applied to your account. Email approval forms to UNOVets@unomaha.edu

- ❑ Eligible for Chapter 35 (Dependents Education Assistance Program) and a resident of Nebraska for tuition purposes?
 - Email UNOVets@unomaha.edu to learn how to apply for the [Nebraska Waiver of Tuition](#) program
- ❑ Current service member in a Nebraska Reserve component?
 - Check your eligibility for the [Nebraska Reserve Tuition Credit](#) program
 - Complete and submit the application found on the website to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs
- ❑ Current Nebraska service member taking an online course? You may be eligible for a tuition remission!
 - Email UNOVets@unomaha.edu proof of service
 - Examples include current orders, Leave and Earnings Statement, memo of service from unit leadership, etc.
 - Please redact personal identifiable information such as social security numbers when emailing documents
 - Service members should never send scans/photocopies of their military ID card as proof of service
- ❑ Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov
 - UNO's code is 002554 and our priority filing date is April 1
 - Apply each year by the priority date to maximize the amount of aid you may receive

Any additional questions? Contact us!

- **Team members available: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm**
- **Phone: 402-554-2349**
- **Email: UNOVets@unomaha.edu**