

Be Connected is on a mission to connect every Arizona service member, veteran & their families to support and resources. Call and connect today!

866-4AZ-VETS

Ecosystem of Support: Areas of Focus
> Higher Education



Advancing Your Education

Pursuing higher education can be rewarding in many ways. You'll have the opportunity to learn new things, meet new people, explore a new side of yourself and push yourself to achieve things you never thought were possible. When you're deciding to pursue your higher education goals, seek out college graduates and ask them for their best advice. Find ways to speak with people in the career field or program you want to complete. Ask them how they were successful.

- ✓ If you're unsure what program to study, taking a vocational quiz can help you explore what best suits your interests/talents. Speak to a career advisor early and research the daily experience of people in that career field.
- ✓ Explore different types of educational options including certificate programs, vocational schools, community college and universities.
- ✓ Become familiar with application deadlines and the FAFSA. The application process will have multiple steps.
- ✓ Put in the effort, follow the syllabus, work hard, get involved, and be open minded. Explore the topics and subjects that interest you and speak to a career advisor early on. Most importantly, enjoy this time in your life dedicating to learning!

Check if your school is certified by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services as an Arizona Veteran Supportive Campus. These institutions have taken extra steps to be equipped to meet the needs of military-connected students and will have a dedicated space and staff to connect.



Study

Be sure to set aside a consistent time and place to study. Carve out time where you'll be free of distractions and can really take in the material.



Manage Your Time

Managing your workload is one way to reduce stress. Be realistic about how much you can work on before fatigue sets in. Schedule time for the things you enjoy and also time to relax doing the things you enjoy most. Reward yourself with a break to stretch, drink some water or take a walk to refresh yourself.



Ask Your Instructor

Your instructor is there for you. They want you to succeed, not fail. Be confident asking for more detail or clarification on course content and assignments. Not only will you gain a better understanding of the material, you will make a strong impression on your instructor as someone advocating for their own success.



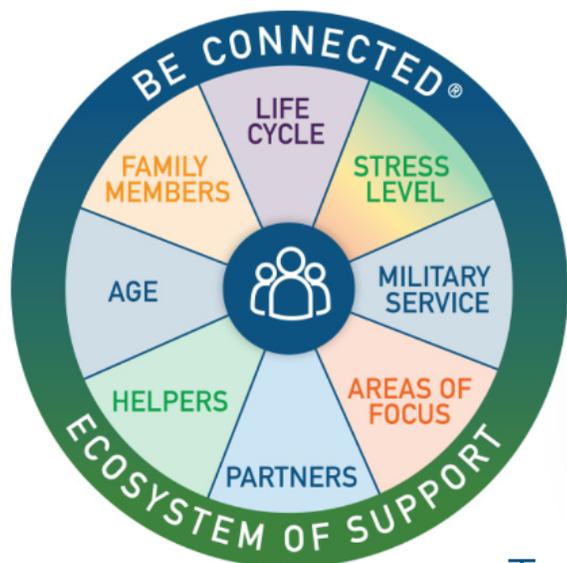
Verify

There are many scams in the higher education world. Be cautious about financial aid, housing and credit card offers that seem too good to be true. They probably are. Diplomas, certifications and degrees take time and effort. Never purchase a degree available in a few weeks. Double check the offer with the U.S. Department of education and be sure to research the offer and the word 'scam'.



We Can Help

There are a multitude of resources in Arizona that offer help with higher education. The Be Connected support line uses a resource matching tool to connect you with information and resources that can help you pursue your higher education goals. Call 866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387).



The Be Connected® Ecosystem of Support

We're on a mission to connect every Arizona service member, veteran & their family members to support and resources for wellness, employment, benefits and more! We achieve this mission through our Be Connected Ecosystem of Support. This unified network of people, organizations and communities is accessed through our support line: 866-4AZ-VETS (866-429-8387).

Total Support

The Be Connected Ecosystem of Support offers a holistic approach to ensure that service members, veterans and their families receive the care and support they deserve. Everyone in our community has a role to play in to ensure that any door they enter is a gateway to a welcoming, supportive and helpful space.

Areas of Focus - Be Connected focuses on all of the social determinants of health, by connecting service members, veterans & family members to support and resources.

Stress Level - Our upstream approach means support is available across the stress levels, with a goal of earlier intervention.

Partners - We deliver services and support through our unified, statewide, interconnected partner network, enabling us to maximize our collective impact.

Life Cycle - Be Connected offers resources throughout the military life cycle, from the start of service to separation and beyond.

Helpers - Helpers play a key role in engaging and connecting people and families to the resources and support they need, when they need it.

Family Members - Every family member matters to Be Connected and our team is here for you with support and connection to resources.

Military Service - We're here for all service members and veterans – regardless of branch, component, length/era of service and discharge status.

Age - As your needs change and evolve throughout your life, Be Connected is here for you. Reach out to our team today for personalized support.