

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



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 colleges 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 dedicated 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 meet the needs of military-connected students.

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Higher Education

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. Reward yourself with a break to refresh yourself as you work.



Ask Your Instructor

Your instructor is there for you. They want you to succeed. Ask for clarification on course content and assignments if you need it. You'll gain a better understanding of the material and make a strong impression on your instructor by advocating for yourself.



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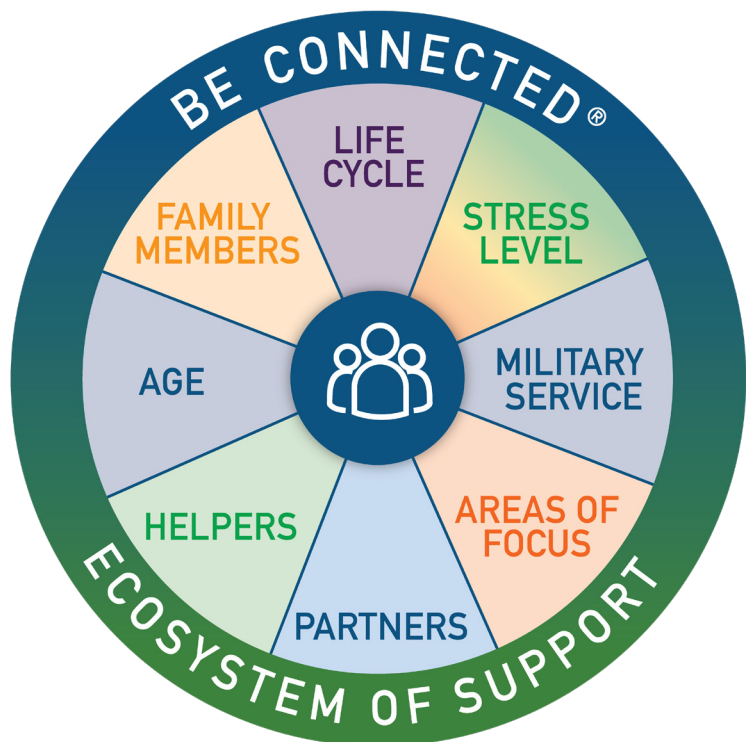
There are many scams in higher education. Be cautious about financial aid, housing, and credit card offers that seem too good to be true. They probably are. Diplomas, certifications, and degrees take time and effort. Never purchase a degree available in a few weeks.



We Can Help

There are many resources in Arizona that offer help with higher education including the Be Connected support line. Call 866-4AZ-VETS (866-429-8387) to connect with resources that can help you pursue your higher education goals.





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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.