

# 2022 Veteran Promise Act 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)	759	122	\$34,155	(a)
University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)	16	7	\$600	(b)
University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)	785	579	\$35,440	(c)
University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK)	47	8	\$2,070	(d)
<b>University of Nebraska System</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>\$72,265</b>	

- (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, scholarships, and residency application information. (2) Academic Support – free tutoring, study areas, computers, and printing. (3) Student Services – 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. (5) Outreach On/Off Campus – the Center staff are advocates for our military connected students at UNL and working 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 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 coaches in each division; access to a behavioral health counselor; and guaranteed admission for military students with a 3.3 GPA or higher that meet all requirements.
- (c) UNO offers connections to Veterans benefits through its Financial Aid Office. Current and former service members may receive college credit for prior education or military experience acquired while in service to our country. Members of the military, who are eligible, may receive aid through the Military Tuition Assistance (TA) program. If students qualify, their service branch pays tuition directly to UNO and can be used for undergraduate and graduate programs, either online or on-campus. UNO has developed procedures to provide each student with maximum flexibility and 100% refunds in the even the student is called to Active Duty. The Military Connected Resource Center (MCRC) is in the Milo Bail Student Center and provides additional support and resources for all military connected students.
- (d) UNK’s 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 waiver 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.