

6 reasons for veterans & servicemembers to consider our colleges

1. More affordable than you think

If you're a veteran who has served since 9/11 or a current servicemembers, you may be eligible to receive financial support for higher education. Your eligibility level is based on the type of institution or program you enroll in. Learn more at va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11.

When tuition exceeds your eligibility amount — as it can at a private college — the **Yellow Ribbon Program** (available at all our colleges) may make additional funds available for your education if your service entitles you to receive this benefit. Each institution chooses the amount of tuition and fees that will be contributed and the VA will match that amount. Learn more about the Yellow Ribbon Program at va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/.

2. Full range of academic options

Our 17 institutions offer high-quality education and offer a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. Several have evening, weekend and online options. Use our online college matching search tool at mnprivatecolleges.org/college-finder to discover which colleges have offerings that fit your interests and needs.

3. Acceptance of military credit

We're also transfer-friendly, and many of our colleges accept military credit, which can really help with completing a bachelor's degree. Your JST transcript will show how many credits the American Council on Education (ACE) recommends for each experience, including Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training, Army Advanced Individual Training (AIT), military jobs and completed courses. Your transcript also may list courses or jobs not evaluated by ACE.

For the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, go to jst.doded.mil/jst/ to submit an official transcript request to share your transcript with schools online.

For the Air Force, go to airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/community-college-of-the-air-force-transcripts to submit a request to have your transcript mailed to schools. You can pay for fast delivery if you're trying to meet a deadline.

4. Variety

No two of our colleges are alike when it comes to size, location, student body make-up, academic opportunities, campus groups and more — we offer many options. Find out how distinct our colleges are by reviewing their profiles at mnprivatecolleges.org/our-colleges.

5. Personal attention

The focus is on teaching at our colleges. Most classes are small (less than 20 students) and taught by professors, not teaching assistants. Professors will take an active, personal interest in you.

6. Career value

You'll finish college ready to take the next steps in your life. Whether you pursue graduate school or a career, your educational experiences on- and off-campus will give you a strong foundation. Along with the specific skills you'll gain, a liberal arts education yields grads who are well-rounded, adaptable, good problem solvers and able to handle a variety of situations — just what employers say they are looking for.

Find out more about our institutions' veterans and military resources

Augsburg University (Minneapolis)
augzburg.edu/military/

Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato)
blc.edu/military/

Bethel University (St. Paul)
College of Arts & Sciences
bethel.edu/undergrad/financial-aid/types/military-benefits/
College of Adult & Professional Studies
bethel.edu/adult-undergrad/financial-aid/types/military-benefits/

Carleton College (Northfield)
carleton.edu/registrar/policies/veterans/

College of Saint Benedict (St. Joseph)
csbsju.edu/registrar/veterans

The College of St. Scholastica (Duluth)
css.edu/veterans

Concordia College (Moorhead)
concordiacollege.edu/admission/military-students/

Concordia University (St. Paul)
csp.edu/admissions/military-students/

Gustavus Adolphus College (St. Peter)
gustavus.edu/financialaid/vabenefits

Hamline University (St. Paul)
hamline.edu/students/veterans/

Macalester College (St. Paul)
macalester.edu/financialaid/policies/vabenefits/

Minneapolis College of Art and Design (Minneapolis)
mcad.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate-admissions-and-aid/military-veterans

Saint John's University (Collegeville)
csbsju.edu/registrar/veterans

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Twin Cities and Rochester)
smumn.edu/about/offices/military-and-veteran-services

St. Catherine University (St. Paul)
stkate.edu/admission-and-aid/military-veteran

St. Olaf College (Northfield)
stolaf.edu/registrar/veterans-benefits-v-a-information/

University of St. Thomas (St. Paul and Minneapolis)
stthomas.edu/veterans