

# Military and veteran welcome Arizona State University





## **Congratulations on your admission to Arizona State University.**

You've got this.

You've already learned how to succeed in one world-class organization, and you're moving on to another one: ASU. We're glad you're joining us.

Sure, there's some transition to learning in a new environment, but we've got your back. Your new team at ASU is here for you to help you succeed. Come meet us at the Veterans Welcome Event, and give us a call or send us an email with any questions. We'll get you the answers you need.

## **ASU has created a great environment great for veteran and military students.**

Student veterans and members of the military are a valuable part of the ASU community and our academic environment.

We encourage you to continue serving as a leader and stay connected through student clubs and organizations, career fairs, research positions, and other internship and career opportunities, whether you're an online or on-campus student.

## Veteran highlight

Brandon Myer nearly dropped out of school in sixth grade and settled for a D-average his sophomore year of high school. You'd never guess it if you met him today. He has now completed his bachelor's degree in kinesiology and returned to ASU to work on his master's degree in clinical exercise physiology.

After high school, Myer worked at a local movie theater but soon realized his life wasn't going in the direction he desired, so he joined the Navy, where he served for five years, including one deployment to Afghanistan. While in the military, he started his college education in California and earned two associate degrees — one in medical studies and another liberal arts degree in math and science.



This gave him the confidence to pursue his bachelor's degree at ASU, and though he struggled with school in his youth, Myer said he developed a support system that empowered him to thrive on campus. "Everyone was in my corner and wanted me to succeed," he said.

"Do not give up even though it might seem hard. There is nothing wrong with asking for a little help. Asking for help is something I struggle with because I want to do everything on my own, but that's not how life works. We all rely on each other for something."

### **Brandon Myer**

Navy

May 2020 graduate | BS in Kinesiology  
College of Health Solutions

# Your next steps:

## On-campus students

### 01.

#### **Research and request your benefits.**

If you will be using VA benefits, such as the GI Bill®, this is the time to ensure that you have applied to use those benefits at ASU. If you will be using Tuition Assistance, make sure to reach out to your Education Service Officer to get the necessary paperwork completed.

[veterans.asu.edu/prospective](https://veterans.asu.edu/prospective)

### 02.

#### **Connect with your academic advisor and register for classes.**

Schedule an appointment with your academic advisor before registering for your courses. They will help ensure you take courses that fit into your degree plan and keep you on track toward graduation.

[my.asu.edu](https://my.asu.edu)

### 03.

#### **If using VA benefits, complete ASU's documentation for processing.**

Necessary forms will populate as tasks on My ASU. Be sure to first complete the VA Benefits Responsibility Form to start the initial benefits process. You can submit other necessary forms to [ptvcforms@asu.edu](mailto:ptvcforms@asu.edu).

### 04.

#### **Check your residency status.**

Most veterans and military members are eligible for in-state residency for tuition purposes. You can check our Residency Navigator for more information.

[veterans.asu.edu/policies](https://veterans.asu.edu/policies)

### 05.

#### **Connect with the Pat Tillman Veterans Center.**

All ASU students can connect with the PTVC for advocacy support, to find student resources and for any questions you might have regarding your education.

[veterans.asu.edu](https://veterans.asu.edu)

For detailed instructions and secondary tasks, take a look at our full **New Student Veteran and Dependents Checklist**. You can also download and print it.

[veterans.asu.edu/checklist](https://veterans.asu.edu/checklist)

## Online students

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### 02.

#### **Connect with our ASU Online Enrollment Team.**

Reach out to our enrollment team to ensure you take courses that fit into your degree plan and keep you on track toward graduation. If you need help reaching our enrollment team, email us at [militaryonline@asu.edu](mailto:militaryonline@asu.edu).

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## Your new team:

# Pat Tillman Veterans Center

The Pat Tillman Veterans Center at ASU is committed to creating an empowering environment for student veterans, active military, spouses and dependents as the foundation for their academic success.

It's why we are consistently recognized as one of the best schools in the country, both on campus and online, for veterans and the military community.

All of us in the center understand where you're coming from because we are veterans and dependents too. And we hire student veterans through VA Work-Study to help us in the center with customer service and outreach support.

**We are your new team.**

## We're here for you.

Our advocacy team consists of veterans who have successfully navigated the college experience after military service. We understand the challenges, struggles and successes that student veterans and students currently serving may face. We care about each military, veteran and dependent student in the ASU community.

[veterans.asu.edu/advocates](https://veterans.asu.edu/advocates)

We serve the student veteran and military communities on all four metro Phoenix campuses; at ASU's locations at Lake Havasu, Cochise, Central Arizona, Eastern Arizona, Western Arizona and Tucson; and ASU Online.

[veterans.asu.edu/community](https://veterans.asu.edu/community)

While you adapt to this new chapter in your life, we'll make sure your education benefits are processed correctly, building new connections for you to take advantage of and creating a supportive environment for you. We provide:

- VA benefits processing and services.
- A veteran graduation honor stole.
- Internship and career opportunities.
- Meeting and lounge spaces.
- Orientation and workshops.
- Student worker positions.
- A success course for veterans.
- A network of successful veterans and alumni.
- VetSuccess on Campus counseling.



## VetSuccess at ASU.

Your transition from active duty to college life is made easier with assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs staff member at ASU — our full-time vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Contact our VetSuccess on Campus counselor to get more information, guidance, advising, assistance and referrals for:

- VA benefits.
- VA education benefits.
- VA medical centers.
- Disability compensation.
- Vocational exploration and career goals.
- On-campus resources and services.
- Peer-to-peer counseling.
- Federal job searches.

ASU is one of the original institutions selected for this VA program, which helps veterans with services such as vocational testing, career counseling and readjustment counseling to promote successful completion of their education and employment goals.

[veterans.asu.edu/vet-success-campus](https://veterans.asu.edu/vet-success-campus)

# Useful **links** and **contact information**

## Pat Tillman Veterans Center

Questions about benefits

[ptvc@asu.edu](mailto:ptvc@asu.edu) | 480-965-7723

## Questions about on-campus admission

[asuveterans@asu.edu](mailto:asuveterans@asu.edu)

## ASU Online Military Admission Assistance and Student Services.

[militaryonline@asu.edu](mailto:militaryonline@asu.edu) | 480-884-1525

## VetSuccess on Campus counselor

[troy.rundle@va.gov](mailto:troy.rundle@va.gov) | 480-727-5627

## Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services

[eoss.asu.edu/accessibility](https://eoss.asu.edu/accessibility)

## Career and Professional Development Services

[asu.edu/cs](https://asu.edu/cs)

“Our voice leads us in the direction of the person we wish to become, but it is up to us whether or not to follow.”

– Pat Tillman, April 8, 2002

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– U.S. News & World Report, 7 years, 2016–2022

