



Student Veteran Services

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If you are interested in finding out more or taking the next steps in your academic journey, please contact our team at studentveteranservices@acu.edu.au or visit Student Veteran Services at acu.edu.au/studentveteranservices

We are here to help and happy to answer any questions.



CONNECTING WITH PEERS

Part of the university experience is the friendships and networks you develop throughout your studies. The ACU Student Veteran Society is an avenue to connect with other student veterans through meetups and events both on and off campus. Having a group of peers who have walked a similar path to meet up with can add a whole new element to your university life.

WHY CONSIDER HIGHER EDUCATION?

Within the ADF there is an inherent sense of purpose regardless of the task, often referred to as 'being a small cog in a big machine'. Leaving the ADF can leave many members finding themselves without a clear sense of purpose or direction. This can be compounded by the loss of identity members face when separating. University expands the opportunities for meaningful employment outside of the ADF.

Breaking the misconceptions of higher education being out of grasp is key, and the ADF has provided you with a unique set of skills that when translated correctly will set you up for success at university.



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As part of Australian Catholic University's (ACU) commitment to supporting current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force, we offer a range of programs to assist and support our student veterans.



You can access our programs from the moment you come to ACU, all the way through to graduation, offering support at every stage of your studies.

At ACU we recognise that as a current or previous ADF member, you bring a unique set of skills and responsibilities to our university community. The programs we have in place aim to increase accessibility, support transition, and encourage success in higher education. This can help give you peace of mind when starting your academic journey, knowing that you will have specialised support every step of the way.

What is Student Veteran Services?

Student Veteran Services facilitates and coordinates our expanding range of services. It encompasses all programs offered to student veterans and their families at ACU, including but not limited to:

- Veteran Entry Program (VEP)
- Veteran Transition Program (VTP)
- Student Veteran Support Program (SVSP)

Student Veteran Services allows for a consistent Point of Contact (POC) at the university for all veteran support related matters.

VETERAN ENTRY PROGRAM (VEP)

VEP increases accessibility to studying with us by recognising your service and converting it to an entry score for current and ex-serving ADF personnel. As a general guide, two years of service plus basic training will grant you an entry rank of 82. This gives you access to most courses offered through ACU.

This is a direct entry admissions pathway, meaning your application is handled directly through the university, outside of your state's Tertiary Admission Centre (TAC). There are no fees associated with the application and all offers are non-obligatory.



VETERAN TRANSITION PROGRAM (VTP)

VTP is a two-week preparatory program that runs in the week leading up to the commencement of each semester. The program aims to address key issues service men and women face when transitioning into higher education, including academic shortfalls due to time passed since you were last studying, feelings of alienation and isolation, and loss of identity.

This program focuses on equipping you with the skills to succeed in study through workshops and connections with on-campus services. A key element of the VTP is academic preparation, covering academic writing, academic referencing, critical thinking, and reflective thought. An additional focus is on the development of connections with peers, which helps create a support network of likeminded individuals.

STUDENT VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAM (SVSP)

Starting your studies as a non-recent school leaver sometimes leads to additional barriers to balancing university with your home and work life. At ACU we also recognise that current and ex-serving ADF personnel may likely have other commitments they need to fulfill. SVSP was developed to provide additional support and administrative assistance.



The support SVSP offers:

- priority class allocation to help you balance external commitments with study
- academic support, including assistance with special consideration and assignment extensions
- access to a variety of on-campus support services, including the ACU Veteran Exercise Lifestyle Program, the First Year Veteran Peer Mentoring Program, and counselling services
- assistance with balancing operational commitments around study through Leave of Absences.

SVSP also gives you access to specific case-by-case assistance.

COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES

At ACU we are constantly trying to develop and improve on the programs offered to our student veterans. These programs range from exercise and fitness, to career development and employability support. Our array of services is continually being expanded and is guided by evidence-based research and feedback from the student veterans on the ground.