Start with your Associates Degree because…

Having doubts about what you are really doing at Madison College? Doubt no more! There are actually very good reasons above and beyond cost and logistics for students using their GI Bill to get their associate’s degree first.

1. Commitment - You can get your liberal arts degree, a program that is certifiable for veterans benefits, while you are figuring out your long term educational goals.
2. Transfer Credit - Community and technical colleges can and do provide credit for experiential learning, this includes military experience and training.
3. Future Earning Potential - Most jobs require some type of degree beyond high school. Learn a skill or trade while earning the credentials that go with it.

As an added bonus, if you end up finding your groove in school and a direction that requires a bachelor’s degree, you’ll already have your associates degree in place while you pursue that higher goal. (Source: Military.com)

Vow to Hire Heroes Act of 2011

The Veterans retraining grant program (VRAP) offers 12 months of retraining assistance to veterans who are unemployed; between 35-60 years old; other than dishonorably discharged, ineligible for other VA education benefits; not receiving VA compensation for IU, nor enrolled in any other state or federal job training program; and enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school.

This is a grant funded opportunity and space is limited. If you believe you qualify visit the VRAP web page for more information and FAQs.

Vets for Vets Blog

Do you want a forum to share your thoughts, experiences or to connect with other Madison College veterans online? Visit the new Vets for Vets Blog.

TIPS & ADVICE

Before You Consider Dropping a Class...

After the excitement of the first couple weeks of term wear off, some students are left struggling with a challenging curriculum or subject matter that is new and confusing. Madison College offers a variety of tutoring options and a writing center for students seeking help outside the classroom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6-Week Check-Up

Whether it is your first check-up or your last, visit Room 141A on February 23, 2012, anytime from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to touch base with a Madison College Veteran Services representative. Stop by for answers to questions about veteran benefits, financial aid and enrollment, or just to let us know how you are doing!

VA Wellness Clinic

The VA hospital “Wellness and More” group will be coming to Madison College on February 23, 2012 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to introduce interested students to their offerings for mind and body health. For more information on the programs offered by the Complimentary Medicine and Wellness office out of the Wm. S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, visit the Veterans Benefits Calendar.

Vet-to-Vet Support for Women OIF/OEF/OND

For women only. Young Women OIF/OEF/OND, etc., are invited to join other female veterans for tea, coffee, socializing and dedicated support via open discussions on topics chosen by the group. The group meets weekly on Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the VA Hospital, Bidg. 22, Rm. 133.

For detailed information on parking and where we are located within the VA Hospital visit the Vets for Vets Women Vets for Vets Women web page, or email or call your Peer Support Team:

Patti Bee, samaritan.bee@gmail.com, (608) 663-0763, ext. 209
Delia Swords, jivesch@hotmail.com

For more information about Madison College Veterans Services, visit madisoncollege.org/services-veterans, email us at veterans@madisoncollege.org or call us at (608) 746-2036.