

# VETERANS SERVICES

## Veteran Services

We highly value our veterans and veteran's spouses/dependents and their represented service to our country and are committed to supporting their educational goals and endeavors. UAS offers services and resources for our veteran and veteran's spouses/dependents that includes a designated VA School Certifying Official who assists students using their VA Educational Benefits to pay for the cost of their education as well as a dedicated website with multiple Veteran resources.

To determine if you are eligible for VA Educational Benefits, please apply via the GI Bill website – [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) (<https://www.va.gov/>). For additional information and services, please visit our UAS Veterans website (<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/veterans/>). UAS also offers support services for our students who need accommodations for disabilities, personal/family counseling sessions, and academic support through our Learning Center.

For any questions regarding Veteran's Services and about your education benefits, please contact Deborah Rydman, VA School Certifying Official at 907-796-6368 or e-mail [drydman@alaska.edu](mailto:drydman@alaska.edu).

To stay current with upcoming UAS Veteran activities as well as news, stories, and events, ask to join our UAS Veterans and Family Student Association Facebook page.

## Veterans' Service Officer/Advocate

The UAS Juneau campus has a Veterans' Service Officer/Advocate who provides assistance to veterans, eligible spouses/dependents and military personnel for any VA benefit including health services and retirement questions.

For further information on any of these VA benefits, assistance, and guidelines, contact V.V.A. Service Officer, Ramona Wigg, (907) 465-4211 or e-mail [vvacapital@outlook.com](mailto:vvacapital@outlook.com).

## Active Duty Tuition Assistance

As an eligible member of the U.S. Armed Forces, you are able to take advantage of a program which allows you to have military pay to further your civilian education.

For all branches of service (Air Force, Army, Army Reserves, Navy, Marines, National Guard and Coast Guard), you may receive:

- 100% tuition and fees not to exceed \$250 per semester credit hour, \$166 per quarter credit hour, or \$4500 per fiscal year
- Reimbursable fees which include lab, enrollment, special, and computer fees

Service members must obtain TA through their branch of service. Learn how to apply for Tuition Assistance (all branches) (<http://www.military.com/education/money-for-school/tuition-assistance-ta-program-overview.html>).

## Student Responsibilities

Students need to provide a copy of their Tuition Assistance Authorization form to the UAS Student Accounts Office at least one week before each semester that they are registered for

courses. TA Authorizations can be faxed to Student Accounts (907) 796-6006 or emailed to [uas.cashier@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.cashier@alaska.edu)

UAS will apply the approved payment amount to your student account. Any remaining balance will be the students responsibility and are due in accordance with the university semester due dates. Contact UAS Student Accounts with any questions regarding amounts or deadlines by phone at (907) 796-6267 or via email: [uas.cashier@alaska.edu](mailto:uas.cashier@alaska.edu)

Any of the following changes to your classes or credits must be reported to UAS Student Accounts office or VA certifying official immediately, or your benefit payments could be delayed up to 45 days and/or result in an overpayment:

- **Changes in credit load that affect your training time:** example – going from 12.0 credits (full-time) to 9.0 credits (3/4 time) or your classes end or start differently than before. You do need to report when you add or drop a class because it will affect your payments! UAS does not accept responsibility for overpayments that could have been avoided had we been notified in a timely manner.
- **Called to Active Duty:** If during the semester you are called to active duty, please notify the UAS Registrar's Office to discuss the withdrawing of your courses and the possibility of filing an appeal for a reimbursement of tuition and/or fees and provide a copy of your deployment orders. Also, please notify the UAS Student Accounts Office or the UAS VA certifying official.
- **In-state tuition for veterans:** All veterans, separated or retired, regardless of their point of separation or state of residence are eligible to receive in-state tuition while attending UAS *using their GI Bill Benefits*. Please fill out the Application for Residence Tuition (<https://www.alaska.edu/student-services/student-resources/residency/Residency-Application-enterable.pdf>) and turn your DD 214-Automated (which must contain item #24: "Character of Service"), separation orders, or retirement orders into admissions when applying for this waiver.

## Full tuition waiver for spouses/dependents of deceased veterans

The spouse or dependent of an armed services member who died in the line of duty or who died as a result of injuries sustained while in the line of duty or who was listed by the Department of Defense as a Prisoner of War or as Missing in Action is entitled to a waiver of undergraduate tuition and fees from the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The students must be in good standing in a state-supported educational institution in Alaska.

## My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship – Helping Spouses Reach Career Goals

The My Career Advancement Account Scholarship is a workforce development program that provides up to \$4,000 of tuition assistance to eligible military spouses. The scholarship assists military spouses of active duty service members in pursuing licenses, certificates, certifications or associate degrees necessary to gain employment in high-demand, high-growth portable career fields and occupations. Spouses may use their My Career Advancement Account Scholarship funds at UAS,

which is an approved academic institution for participation in the scholarship. More information can be found at the MyCAA website (<https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/get-started/>) and on the MyCAA Fact Sheet ([https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/Portal/Media/Default/Collaterals\\_Catalog/Program\\_Overview/MyCAA-Helping-Spouses-Reach-Career-Goals.pdf](https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/Portal/Media/Default/Collaterals_Catalog/Program_Overview/MyCAA-Helping-Spouses-Reach-Career-Goals.pdf)). Please contact Deborah Rydman, VA School Certifying Official, at 907-796-6368 or [drrydman@alaska.edu](mailto:drrydman@alaska.edu) for assistance.

## **TA Adjustments and Refunds**

Students should refer to Refunds to review UAS refund policies and dates for student account overpayments.

***Tuition Assistance benefit payments that are determined to be unearned or otherwise disallowed by the military branch will be removed from the student's account immediately upon notification by the student or the military branch, and refunded back to the agency in accordance with Title IV regulations.***