



Mesabi Range College Checklist for Veterans

1. **Apply online at mesabirange.edu**
 - Then contact the Regional Coordinator, Barry Martinson, if needing assistance with Veteran's Services.
2. **Send official high school and college transcripts**
 - Have official transcripts for previous high school and college-level coursework, including military training, sent to Mesabi Range College for evaluation of transfer credit. Transcripts should be sent to the admissions office of the campus you are attending.
 - Visit www.mymilitaryeducation.org for information about obtaining your military transcript. Click on Military FAQs, enter 1002 into the "Search by Keyword" section and hit "Search."
3. **Apply for financial aid**
 - Complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA), found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 - FAFSA determines your eligibility for low/no interest student loans as well as state/federal grants.
 - Make sure to report any veteran/military benefits you will be receiving.
 - Financial aid is initially based on your previous year's earnings. If this doesn't accurately reflect your income at the time you will be taking classes, make sure to complete a Special Circumstances Form also known as the Request for Professional Judgment at Mesabi Range College to have your award reassessed.
4. **Search for scholarships**
 - There are many scholarships available to veterans.
 - Visit www.mymilitaryeducation.org or contact the Veteran's Resource Center on our campus for a listing of military-related scholarships.
 - Check with our financial aid office for general scholarships.
5. **Take placement tests**
 - Mesabi Range College programs require assessment testing for technical programs or course placement. This is known as the Accuplacer which is not a pass or fail test, but used to assess a student's skill level in reading, math and English.
6. **Register for classes**
 - Mesabi Range College schedules specific times for groups to come in and register for classes. Both campuses mail accepted applicants assessment and registration letters to inform new students of their times to come in and register.
7. **Attend orientation**
 - You will be required to attend an orientation session, where you will get details on the registration process, campus services, and other information.
 - Virginia Campus orientation is a one day affair where all new students gather together and go through orientation. New students will get to converse with their new instructors, talk with other students and make appointments with academic and financial aid staff.
 - Eveleth Campus orientation is called College Seminar. College Seminar is a two day affair where new students can talk with other new students in their programs and meet with academic and financial aid staff.

8. Apply for benefits

- Depending on your time and type of service, residency, and other factors, you may be eligible for all or some of the following. Check with the Higher Education Veterans Programs Regional Coordinator, Barry Martinson, for a one-on-one benefit consultation. Contact your regional coordinator with any questions or issues that may arise.
- ***VA Educational Benefits***
 - Apply online at www.gibill.va.gov or contact the MDVA Regional Coordinator on our campus. If you apply online, make sure to check with your Certifying Official (Records Office) regarding any other paperwork that may be needed for our college.
 - Notify our campus Certifying Official (Records Office) of any changes in your status.
 - The GI Bill “Top-Up” program allows the USDVA to pay you the difference between the total course cost and the cost covered by the military, up to the maximum rate payable to a Veteran.
- ***Minnesota GI Bill***
 - Minnesota residents who served active duty after 9/11/2001 or those who have not served on active duty, but have served at least 5 years in the National Guard/Reserves and some spouses and dependents may be eligible for this benefit.
 - Student must attend participating Minnesota public or private institution.
 - Applicants must first submit a FAFSA.
 - Visit www.getreadyforecollege.org/military for more information or to apply.
- ***Federal Tuition Assistance***
 - Available to active duty members and some members of the National Guard and Reserve.
 - Go to www.GoArmyEd.com to apply.
 - Apply early, money for this program can run out!
- ***Minnesota National Guard – State Tuition Reimbursement***
 - Available to members of the Minnesota Army and Air National Guard, as well as spouses under certain circumstances.
 - If you are actively drilling, complete required paperwork with your unit education specialist.
 - If you have deployed and are now out of the military, you may qualify for the Extended State Tuition Reimbursement Program. Contact your Regional Coordinator for further details.

Student Services

- **Records Office**
 - Provides students with information regarding transcripts, enrollment verification and transfer credits. Our Records Office is only on the Virginia campus.
 - Becky Stevinson
Records/Transcripts/Certifying Official
218-749-7762
b.stevinson@mesabirange.edu
- **Advising Services**
 - Both our Virginia and Eveleth campuses have advising centers designed to help students with their academic programs to ensure they make the appropriate choices for their specific program.
 - Virginia Campus
218-749-7750
 - Eveleth Campus
218-744-7506

- **Counseling Services**

- We also have trained counselors on both campuses who offer support in social, personal, work, and school related topics.
- Contact Kelly Bakk, Counselor, on the Virginia campus at 218-749-7765 or email: k.bakk@mesabirange.edu
- Contact Tracy Delich, Counselor, on the Eveleth campus at 218-744-7533 or email: t.delich@mesabirange.edu

- **Disability Services**

- Like counseling and advising, Mesabi Range provides disability services on both campuses. If in need of testing assistance, translators, or note-takers our staff is always ready to serve you in any way possible.
- For assistance in Virginia please contact Davis Lamppa at 218-749-0319 or email: d.lamppa@mesabirange.edu
- For assistance in Eveleth please contact Kevin Langdon at 218-744-7471 or email: k.langdon@mesabirange.edu

For more information, visit <http://www.mymilitaryeducation.org>.