



IUP meets all criteria for veterans' education under the provisions of Title 38

United States Code.

IUP's Military Resource Center (MRC), working collaboratively with IUP programs and services, serves as a one-stop information and referral site to help our students transition to college life and achieve their academic goals.

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## GENERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

AS A VETERAN, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO:

### **Health Care and Disability**

Veterans may qualify for five free years of VA health care from the date of discharge . This is available to veterans who have served after September 11, 2001 (OIF, OEF, and OND veterans). Veterans may also qualify for free health care with a service-connected disability. To learn more, please visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits).

### **Monthly VA Disability Compensation**

Veterans may qualify for monthly compensation if they have a service-connected disability. To learn more, please visit [www.benefits.va.gov/compensation](http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation).

### **VA Travel Reimbursement**

Reimbursement for mileage or public transportation may be paid to the following:

1. Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at 30 percent or more
2. Veterans traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition
3. Veterans receiving a VA pension
4. Veterans traveling from scheduled compensation or pension examinations
5. Veterans whose income does not exceed the maximum VA pension rate

To learn more, please visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/beneficiary\\_travel.asp](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/beneficiary_travel.asp).

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## **Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)**

CRSC allows certain military retirees to receive both their military retirement pay and VA disability compensations.

To learn more, please visit [https://iris.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/410](https://iris.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/410).

## **Unemployment**

The Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) program provides benefits for eligible ex-military personnel. Benefits are paid by the various branches of the military, and the program is administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

To learn more, please visit [militarypay.defense.gov/benefits/UCX.html](http://militarypay.defense.gov/benefits/UCX.html).

## **VA Work-Study: Get Paid to Study!**

If you are a full-time or three-quarter-time student in a college degree, vocational, or professional program, you can “earn while you learn” with a VA work-study allowance.

To learn more, please visit [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/workstudy.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/workstudy.asp).

## **VA Home Loan**

A VA Guaranteed Loan is a type of loan made by private lenders such as banks, savings and loans, or mortgage companies to eligible veterans. If you want to purchase a home, condominium, or manufactured home, the VA can guarantee up to \$417,000 of the total loan.

This is much higher than you can get with more conventional home loans. If you are considering refinancing an existing loan, the VA offers you two options:

- You can refinance to reduce your current interest rate.
- You can take equity out (cash out). The cash out option is limited to \$144,000.

You do not need to finance a down payment on a VA loan. However, certain funding fees and closing costs apply, and you must be able to pay a portion of these fees up-front.

With a VA guarantee, you get a mortgage with a competitive interest rate. The lender that loans you the money is protected against loss up to the amount of the guarantee if you fail to repay the loan.

Visit the Veterans Administration website at [www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans](http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans) for the current table of VA funding fees and information.

## **Food Stamps**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will help you purchase food. Many veterans and military members already use SNAP to assist them and their families.

To learn more, please visit [www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap).

**For more information on any of the programs, contact the Indiana County VA Office at 724-465-3815.**