

VetSuccess on Campus

The VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) program helps Servicemembers, Veterans, and eligible dependents succeed in their educational goals. The program provides on-campus benefits assistance and counseling. The goals of the program are to:

- Help participants complete their education
- Help participants move on to viable careers

The VSOC program operates in concert with VA's education and career counseling program, or Chapter 36 authority. It is administered by VA's Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) program. Participants in VSOC receive a wide range of educational and vocational counseling services. These services provide personalized support to:

- Guide career paths
- Ensure effective use of VA benefits
- Achieve educational goals
- Achieve career goals

On-Campus Benefits Assistance and Counseling

Each VSOC school is assigned an experienced Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC). VSOC Counselors ensure student Veterans receive necessary support and assistance. This helps them pursue their education and employment goals.

The VSOC program began in 2009 at the University of South Florida. You can find a full list of the VSOC schools at <u>https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/vsoc.asp</u>.

Student Servicemembers, Veterans, and Dependents

The following are eligible for VSOC services:

- Servicemembers and Veterans eligible for any of VA's educational programs
 - Including the Post-9/11 and Montgomery GI Bills
- Servicemembers and Veterans attending training through VA's VR&E program
- Eligible dependents receiving VA education benefits
 - o Including spouses attending school through the Post-9/11 GI Bill

VSOC Counselors

VSOC Counselors provide:

- Adjustment counseling to help complete education programs and find employment
- Vocational testing
- Educational and career counseling
- Expedited VR&E services
- Support and assistance
 - o Regardless of entitlement, benefit usage or enrollment status

Selection of VSOC Schools

Selection is based on the following:

- Number of student Veterans enrolled
- Ability to accommodate a full-time VSOC counselor
- Proximity to:

- VA Regional Office
- VR&E out-based office
- \circ Vet Center
- VA medical facility
- Existing Veteran support services on campus
- Campus leadership support

To Request a VSOC Counselor for Your Campus

Send an email to VR&E's Outreach Team at <u>VREOUTREACH.vbaco@va.gov</u>. In the email, please include:

- Your reason for interest in the program
- Your willingness to meet the selection criteria
- A point of contact

For more information:

- Connect with your local VA Regional Office to speak with a VR&E representative. You can find your closest VA Regional Office here: <u>https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp</u>
- Call 800-827-1000
- Visit https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/vsoc.asp