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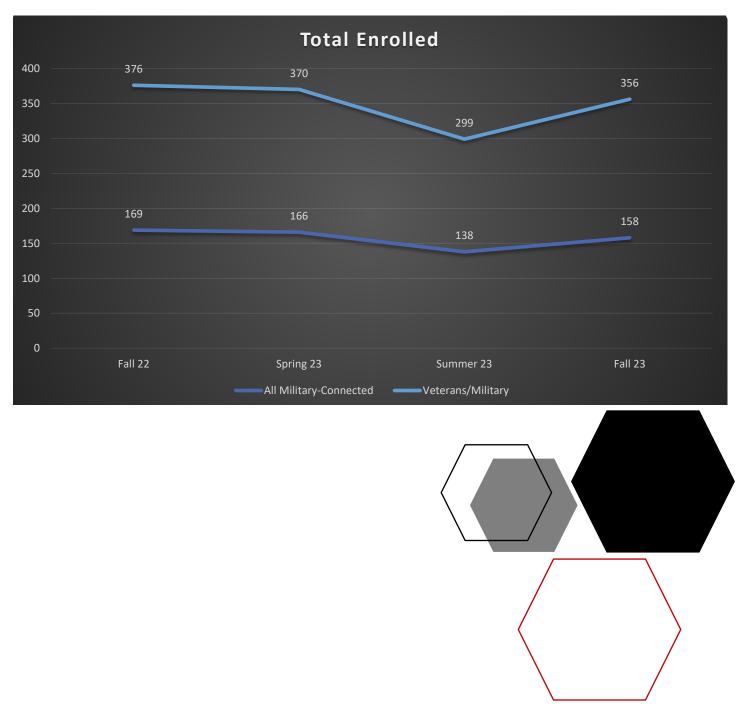
Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with friends and family. This Spring we will continue to collaborate with other Veteran Service Organizations for programs and services for our military-connected student population. Please check the <u>Veterans Resource Center website</u>, and connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

GROWTH CHART

FALL 2023 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENT POPULATION

HSC has 278 students utilizing federal and/or state benefits, 127 of which are veterans or military.

We have 356 military-connected students across all of our six schools, with 158 veterans or military.



Post-9/11 GI Bill Recipients!

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Don't forget about the VA Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program, which will provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (maximum of \$30,000) to qualifying veterans and Fry Scholars. This program is a provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Forever GI Bill).

Please visit the <u>VA website</u> for additional information, qualifying fields of study, and the application.

If you are not sure your program qualifies, check out the STEM Designated Degree Program List on the <u>VA website</u>. You will need your HSC Program CIP code, which is on the <u>HSC website</u>.

Important Dates for next Semester, Spring 2024

February: Black History Month, 2nd Feb - Fishtail Friday 4th Feb - USO Birthday,

11th – 17th National Salute to Veteran Patients, 19th Feb - President's Day,

28th Feb - Book Club

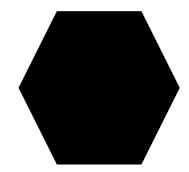
March: We Can Do It! Celebrating Women's History Month

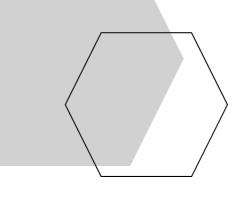
25th Mar - Medal of Honor Day, 16th Mar – Chipotle Fundraiser

April: Month of the Military Child, 15th Apr - Purple Up! Day

VETERAN-TO-VETERAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Vet-to-Vet Mentorship Program connects student veterans with TTUHSC's veteran faculty, staff, graduate students, and alumni for mentorships. Mentors and





students define the goals of their mentorship together. The program focuses on supporting student veterans in their transition through higher education and future civilian careers.

Visit the <u>Vet-to-Vet Mentorship</u> | <u>Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (ttuhsc.edu)</u> for additional information and to see our mentors. We encourage all faculty, staff, current students, and alumni with military service to get involved as mentors!

VETERANS CAREER SERVICES



HEROES TO HEALTHCARE



This exciting and developing service encourages all HSC veteran and military students to utilize career services such as resume/cover letting writing/critiquing, interviewing, networking, and financial planning that are available to them both on campus and in their communities. Stay tuned for updates and collaborations.

Please visit our webpage for additional information:

Career Services | Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (ttuhsc.edu)



VETERANS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The honor society recognizes and honors the service and scholastic achievements

of our veterans. Eligibility criteria is located on the **SALUTE website**.

If you were a SALUTE member at a previous institution, you can request a transfer to the HSC. Contact the Staff Advisor at <u>vrc@ttuhsc.edu</u>.



GREEN ZONE TRAINING

Green Zone Training (GZT) aims to increase awareness and understanding of military culture, and provide resources to assist military-affiliated students, and also proves informative for those working in patient care. In an effort to increase overall military and veteran awareness, GZT is available via ACME to all HSC faculty, staff, and students. Those who complete all six Green Zone Training modules will receive a decal for public display, indicating support for our military-affiliated population. Please see the <u>Veterans Resource Center website</u> for instructions or reach out to <u>vrc@ttuhsc.edu</u> to have training assigned.



GREEN ZONE TRAINING

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

COMMENCEMENT

CAMO STOLE

Veterans and military students expecting to graduate Spring 2024 should email <u>vrc@ttuhsc.edu</u> to ensure they reserve their camo stole for graduation.

LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, AND TESTING REIMBURSEMENT

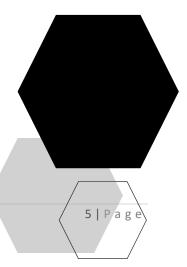
For graduates taking licensing or certification tests, visit the <u>VA website</u> to learn how you can use part of your GI Bill entitlement to cover the cost of certain tests. Please pay special attention to how your benefit entitlement is charged, especially if you plan to pursue further education.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The HSC Veterans Resource Center (VRC), will award two \$500 scholarships for the Spring 2024 term. Student veterans, active duty, reserves, National Guard members, and family members currently enrolled at least half-time and in Good Academic Standing are eligible.

Please stay tuned! More info coming soon.



SUPPORT SALES

Interested in supporting student veterans and military scholarships at TTUHSC? <u>Make a Gift Today</u>! Thank you for your support.

NEW for purchase: T-shirts for our 5-year anniversary of the TTUHSC Veterans Resource Center! Visit our store

for t-shirts, hats, and more!



Recent Events, Fall 2023

September 4th - Labor Day

November 11th- Veterans Day Wall of Honor, <u>Veterans Art</u> <u>Project</u>

November 23rd - *Thanksgiving*

December 16th - National Wreaths Across America Day

December 25th & 26th - Winter holidays



Engage with us today and *FOLLOW US* on social media!



Veterans Crisis Line

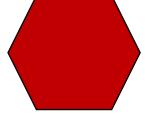
24/7, confidential crisis support for veterans and their loved ones. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits.

How to reach the crisis line:

- * Dial 988, then press 1
- * Chat online
- * Text 838255

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter.

Kind Regards,



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