



Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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VUB Spring Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) 2018 Spring Semester schedule of classes. It is very similar to previous semesters and it contains all the precollege class opportunities for most veterans to prepare for entrance into and success in a postsecondary program.

We will continue our basic math and English classes this semester by offering tutoring for those who need to brush up on their basic skills. Please call the VUB office to arrange this

individual service. We will continue to provide tutoring for those who need additional preparation before taking the college assessment and placement exam.

Please note that computer skills class meets twice per week, while the remainder (science and statistics) meets only once per week. Also note that the semester is ten weeks in length.

Check out the schedule and contact any VUB staff member if you have questions or to register for classes.

We recommend that all participants register for at least two courses. This will allow you to receive the full benefit of the instruction and be better prepared when you enter a postsecondary program.

We have designed the schedule so you will be able to register for up to four different classes during a four-day period without class conflicts.

If you are in college already, keep us informed of your progress, call if you need help, and let us know if you change your address or phone number.

NAVUB Scholarship Winner



Congratulations to Ms. Devanie Dishner, VUB participant and current Northeast State Community College (NSCC) sophomore for winning the 2017 National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) Combat Tracker Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. The scholarship is named in honor of the Combat Tracker Units of the Viet Nam War, that consisted of five-six men and a Labrador Retriever. Their mission was to reestablish contact with the enemy, reconnaissance and finding missing personnel.

After graduation from high school in 2007, Ms. Dishner enlisted in Army and

Army National Guard and served honorably three years. While in service, she advanced to the rank of SPC E4, received the National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

Ms. Dishner learned about the VUB program through the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment program and joined in February 2016. The staff provided assistance in preparing for college which included assessments, tutoring, financial aid information and college entrance assistance. She followed through with all the requirements and suggestions by the staff and enrolled at NSCC in fall 2016.

Her college major is Secondary Education and her hope is to get a licensure in education so she can teach at a local school. She is scheduled to graduate from NSCC August 2018 and plans to transfer to ETSU.

Very few veterans begin college with the determination, positive attitude, and success as she has. The VUB Staff wishes Ms. Dishner success in her college program and her future career.

VUB's Spring 2018 Postsecondary Enrollment

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VUB's Fall 2017 Postsecondary Graduates

<p><u>ETSU Baccalaureate Degrees</u></p> <p>Jason P. Bryant - Interdisciplinary Studies</p> <p>Timfreit C. Drane - Applied Science</p> <p>Steven B. Felix - Geosciences</p> <p>Benjamin D. Lowery - Interdisciplinary Studies</p> <p>Charles R. Patton, Jr. - Geography</p> <p>Scotty Smith - History</p> <p>Rusty L. Sparks - Interdisciplinary Studies</p> <p>Eric R. Szmuc - Biology</p> <p><u>CCS Truck Driving School, TN</u></p> <p>John R. Coley - Commercial Driver's License</p> <p><u>Indiana Department of Insurance</u></p> <p>David W. Mathias - Indiana Insurance License</p>	<p><u>Northeast State Community College</u></p> <p><u>Associate Degrees</u></p> <p>Donald R. Black - Manufacturing Engineering Certificate in Machine Tool Operations</p> <p>Calvin R. Gobble - General Education</p> <p>Arthur J. Larkins - General Technology Motor Sports Certificate in Auto Body Service</p> <p><u>Kiser University Tampa, Florida</u></p> <p><u>Associate Degree</u></p> <p>Glenn A. Joyner - Autopsy Technician</p> <p style="text-align: center;">◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆</p> <p>To all our Veterans Upward Bound graduates we would like to say: "Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure!"</p>
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EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

(423) 439.2281

VUB 2018 SPRING SEMESTER : JANUARY 29 - APRIL 12

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (ETSU Main Campus / VA Campus)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Flexi- ble Time	MATH I / ALGEBRA / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ALGEBRA / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ALGEBRA / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ALGEBRA / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time
1:30- 3:30	INTRO TO THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF STATISTICS (Mon only) VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Topics include distribution, corre- lation, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>		SCIENCE (Wed only) VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Includes physics, chemistry, earth science</i>	
3:45- 5:15	COMPUTER SKILLS (Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2010, MS Word, Internet & E-mail</i>		COMPUTER SKILLS (Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264	

OFF ETSU JOHNSON CITY / VA CAMPUS CLASSES (Dates/times may be adjusted to meet student needs)

OFF ETSU MAIN / VA CAMPUS SITES	SUBJECT	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	ROOM
Bristol Public Library	MATH / ENGLISH	Tue	3:00-4:30/4:30-6:00P	Mtg. Room
	COMPUTER SKILLS	TBD	TBD	
ETSU Kingsport - Allendale	COMPUTER SKILLS I	Tue	9:00-10:30	216
	COMPUTER SKILLS II	Tue	10:30-12:00	216
	MATH / ENGLISH TUTORING	Tue	TBD	216
ETSU Nave Center Elizabethton	ENGLISH / MATH I	Mon	5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P	122
	COMPUTER SKILLS / MATH II	Wed	5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P	122
Johnson County Extended Service Center	ENGLISH / MATH	Wed	4:30-5:30/5:30-6:30P	
	COMPUTER SKILLS	Wed	6:30-7:30P	TBD

You may register by phone for classes and/or tutoring. Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Financial Literacy Information

Student Loans

If you've explored grant and scholarship possibilities and still find yourself still falling short of what you need to pay for school, a student loan can make the difference. They offer lower interest rates than many other financing options and many students wouldn't be able to afford college without them.

There are different kinds of student loans. Some are based on financial need, some aren't, but one thing most of them have in common is that you must be in school at least half-time while using the money. If your class load falls under half of a full time load, you will have to start repaying the money immediately.

- **Unsubsidized Stafford Loans.** These loans are not restricted by income and have a fixed interest rate. These loans accrue interest while you are in school (though the payments can be deferred and added to the principal after graduation).
- **Subsidized Stafford Loans.** These are need-based, have a fixed interest rate and the federal government pays interest while you are in school and during a six-month grace period after graduation.
- **Perkins Loans.** These federal loans—which are available for both undergraduate and graduate students—are reserved for students who demonstrate an “exceptional financial need.” While they have lower overall limits than other federal loan options, the other terms of the Perkins Loan (interest rate, grace period, fees, and repayment options) are the most generous.
- **The Federal Parent PLUS Loans.** This program offers loans for parents to pay for their child's college education at a fixed interest rate with flexible repayment options. They're not based on income or assets and can be used to cover all college costs, minus other financial aid.
- **Bank Loans.** If federal student loans and other aid aren't enough to cover all the costs of college, a private student loan could help. Private student loans may offer a better interest rate than using credit cards to pay for education-related expenses and they can be an alternative to leveraging home equity, savings, or investments.

www.CapitolOne.com/Financial-education/life-events/college/student-loans/

DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Spring 2018 Semester ~ January 29-April 12

VUB Spring Break (No VUB classes) ~ March 5 - 9

VUB Summer 2018 Semester ~ April 30 - June 28

Veterans Upward Bound is a unique program designed to assist eligible veterans prepare for entering and succeeding in a program of post-secondary education. VUB has operated successfully at ETSU since 1980 helping hundreds of veterans achieve their educational goals. Through academic counseling, advising, encouraging, motivating, and providing basic skill and short-term remedial and refresher courses, VUB has been an important program in the lives of many veterans.



Take advantage of the many benefits VUB has to offer.

Check Us Out on the Web!

www.etsu.edu/vub