

Onboarding Checklist

Welcome to TCU! We're honored to support you as you transition to the Horned Frog community. Use this checklist to complete important next steps and start your academic journey with confidence.

1. Apply for & Understand VA Education Benefits

Visit the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#) to apply for your education benefits. Submit all required documentation to TCU's Office of Veteran Affairs through RegVA@tcu.edu. Delays in submitting your certification request may impact your tuition payments or monthly housing allowance.

2. Complete Admission & Enrollment Steps

Log in to your [TCU Admissions Portal](#) to track application materials and next steps. If you have not yet applied to TCU, visit the admissions page to start your application. Use the First Year Application for military-affiliated students using parents G.I. Benefits. The Transfer Application must be used for veterans, all student veterans at TCU are considered transfers.

3. Activate Your MyTCU Account

Set up your [MyTCU portal](#) to access registration, financial aid, email and campus systems.

4. Register for Classes

Work with your [academic advisor](#) to build your class schedule and ensure your courses meet both degree requirements and VA benefit requirements.

5. Connect with the TCU Veteran Affairs division of the Registrar's Office

Submit your VA Certification Request Form each semester to the [Veteran Affairs division of the Registrar's Office](#). Contact the office for assistance with benefit questions, enrollment certification and transition support.

6. Attend TCU Orientation

Student veterans attend Transfer Orientation. Military-affiliated students using a parent's GI Bill should register for First-Year Orientation. Find out more at [Orientation – New Frog | TCU Student Affairs](#)

7. Explore Veteran Student Resources

Join TCU's Student Veterans Alliance (SVA) to connect with fellow Horned Frog veterans. Access support services such as academic success coaching, career services, counseling and mental wellness resources.

8. Plan Your Healthcare

Enroll in the VA Healthcare System if not already enrolled. If relocating to Fort Worth, transfer your care to a local VA facility. The Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic is a 15-minute drive from campus! [Apply for or transfer VA Health Benefits here.](#)

9. Review Financial Planning & Aid

Complete the [FAFSA](#) to determine eligibility for additional aid. TCU's school code is 003636. Develop a monthly budget including housing, tuition gaps, books and supplies. You should also explore [TCU scholarships and grants](#), [work-study](#), [on-campus employment](#), and [external veteran scholarships](#).

10. Prepare for Textbooks & Supplies

Use your GI Bill book stipend, \$1000 per academic year, efficiently. Check for textbook rental options and digital materials.

11. Secure Housing & Move-In

Confirm your housing assignment or [off campus living plans](#). Connect with veteran peers or the Veterans Resource Center for move-in support if available.

12. Register for Campus Parking

Register your vehicle through [TCU Parking & Transportation Services](#). Ask about eligibility for any veteran-related accommodations.

13. Explore Campus

Schedule a [Campus Tour](#) or visit key locations including the Veterans Resource Center in Jarvis Hall, Brown-Lupton University Union (commonly referred to as The BLUU), and Mary Coats Burnett Library.

14. Stay Connected

Check your [TCU email](#) regularly for announcements and opportunities from the Office of Veterans Services and campus partners. Stay connected with the Student Veterans Alliance and Veterans Services to learn about events, resources, scholarships, and opportunities throughout the year.

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