MVP New Student Checklist

Please use the following checklist to help guide you in your transition to NMSU Military & Veterans Programs!

Step 1: **Apply for Admission to NMSU.** Apply at: APPLY.NMSU.EDU
Eligible out-of-state students complete the resident MVP Waiver to receive in-state tuition.

Step 2: **Apply for Veterans Affairs (VA) Education Benefits.** Apply at: VA|Vets.gov
Upon receiving your Certificate of Eligibility by mail within 30 days, please submit it to MVP.

Step 3: **Apply for DoD Tuition Assistance (TA) Benefits.** Federal Tuition Assistance is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Each service has its own criteria for eligibility and application process: mvp.nmsu.edu/tuition-assistance
New Mexico National Guard members can request State Tuition Assistance (STA) benefits.

Step 4: **Request Transcripts.** Official college transcripts or e-transcripts must be sent directly from each college or university attended. You can request military transcripts at:

Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy Transcripts
https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do
Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Transcripts
http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF

Step 5: **Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA) and for scholarships through NMSU Scholar Dollar$.**

Federal Student Aid Information Center
NMSU's FAFSA code is 002657
fafsa.ed.gov

Scholar Dollar$ - Deadline March 1st
575-646-4105
scholarships.nmsu.edu

Step 6: **Register for Orientation.** All new, incoming freshmen and transfer students must complete orientation before registering for classes. To register for orientation, visit: AWO.NMSU.EDU

Step 7: **Academic Advising.** During the Orientation program students will meet with an academic adviser, register for classes and obtain a copy of their degree plan. You can also meet with your academic advisor at the Center for Academic Advising and Student Support (CAASS).

Step 8: **Enrollment.** Login to my.NMSU.edu to register for classes.

Step 9: **VA/TA Certification.**
VA Certification: Once you have applied for your VA education benefits and enrolled in classes, we will create a Veteran file for you. Please visit MVP.NMSU.EDU, click the *Veterans and Dependents* tab and select your benefit under the Student Certification Checklists page.
Your Concise Student Schedule and STAR Degree Audit Report are needed every semester.
TA Certification: Once your service has approved your eligibility, you must Request TA through their military portal. *TA form is only needed for Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard members.*

Step 10: **Get Connected!**
The MVP lab serves as a one stop shop for the military and veteran student community. The lab has six computers, two of which, have common access card (CAC) readers. Enjoy a free cup of coffee while doing your homework and network with like-minded veterans. We offer free fax, copy and printing services to further accommodate our students. MVP students are welcome to join the NMSU Student Veteran Organization (SVO) at email: svo_nmsu@nmsu.edu.

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