Fact Sheet

UNC-Chapel Hill’s ongoing and growing support of our nation’s armed services and veterans

**Student Veteran Assistance Program:** UNC-Chapel Hill has created a new full-time position in the Office of the Dean of Students — Student Veteran Assistance Coordinator. This position will work collaboratively with other professionals in the Office of the Dean of Students and across the university, state and local communities to help veterans navigate the higher education process. The position, which will be filled this summer, will also focus on ways to make the university experience a positive experience for military veterans.

**UNC Core:** Led by UNC-Chapel Hill, this new program is a system-wide initiative designed to accelerate higher education opportunities for active duty military in North Carolina. This new distance education program will help active duty military complete their general education courses from a distance on a flexible schedule so they can apply for UNC system undergraduate degree completion programs. Contact: Rob Bruce, Director, William and Ida Friday Center, rgbruce@email.unc.edu Website: unccore.org

**Kenan-Flagler Business School:** UNC Kenan-Flagler offers a portfolio of online and on-campus options to empower military and veterans to leverage leadership, management and relationship skills to further their education and advance their career in today’s complex global environment. Their **full-time MBA Program** is a traditional two-year degree program offered on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Its online counterpart, MBA@UNC, blends the flexibility of online learning with the rigor and quality of a world-class business education. The **Executive MBA program** is designed for working mid- and senior-level professionals; the programs are offered in evening and weekend formats and held in Chapel Hill. The Global OneMBA Program holds classes in Leesburg, Virginia, near Washington, D.C. Contacts:
- Full-Time MBA Program: mba_info@unc.edu
- MBA@UNC: onlineMBA@unc.edu
- Executive MBA Program Contact: emba@unc.edu
Website: [http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/programs/mba-portfolio](http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/programs/mba-portfolio)

**Accounting@UNC:** The entirely online counterpart to UNC Kenan-Flagler’s top-ranked Master of Accounting Program is easily accessible to active-duty military and delivers a unique combination of academic rigor and real-world learning to prepare students for a wide range of accounting careers. Contact: mac_info@unc.edu Website: [http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/admissions/master-of-accounting/military-applicants](http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/admissions/master-of-accounting/military-applicants)
**UNC Executive Development:** The University hosts senior leaders from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Office of the Secretary of Defense and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, who participate in custom programs to accelerate senior leader transitions to new executive leadership roles, conduct strategic planning, and train in executive leadership.

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**UNC School of Medicine’s Physician Assistant Degree Program:** The UNC School of Medicine has created a Physician Assistant (PA) master’s degree program designed for returning military veterans with input from the United States Army Special Operations Command team at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina gift of $1.2 million will help the University establish a curriculum and hire full-time faculty in preparation for the program accreditation process. Applications will close on October 1, 2015 for the first class of students that will begin the program in January 2016.

**Contact:** paprogram@unc.edu

**Website:** [www.med.unc.edu/ahs/unc-pa](http://www.med.unc.edu/ahs/unc-pa)

**Warrior Scholar Project:** The program serves as a unique bridge for veterans by immersing them in an intensive program of reading and writing that prepares them for University-level coursework. Carolina is honored to be one of the 11 host institutions for the intensive, donor-funded “academic boot camp” that has demonstrated its value by increasing preparing student-veterans to be leaders in the classroom and increasing veteran graduate rates.

**Contact:** info@warrior-scholar.org

**Website:** [www.warrior-scholar.org](http://www.warrior-scholar.org)

**Other Carolina programs that support our veterans:** Carolina has formed a Veterans Resource Team, which is a network of university staff who volunteer their time to serve as points of contact to assist student veterans with their specific questions and academic needs. One such program under this helping canopy is The Green Zone Training Program, which was formed to educate faculty and staff about issues facing veterans, including sensitive topics of discussion that may arise in the classroom. Since the program’s inception, more than 150 staff and faculty members have completed training.

**Recognition of excellence by the Department of Defense for supporting National Guard and military reserve employees:** UNC Health Care was one of 15 recipients of the 2014 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award under the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program. The Freedom Award is the Department’s highest recognition given to employers for exceptional support of Guard and Reserve employees. The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community. In the years since, 190 employers have been honored with the award.

**Website:** [www.ESGR.mil](http://www.ESGR.mil)