Veterans' Upward Bound (VUB) is funded by a grant through the US Dept. of Education and is charged with providing educational and support services to veterans. It is intended to encourage and assist veterans in pursuing post-secondary education and training. It is the only Federal education program specifically created to serve the needs of veterans.

VUB provides personalized assistance to help veterans improve academic skills, explore college and training programs, and enjoy a smoother transition from their military service into whatever comes next.

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Veterans Upward Bound

START ~ CONTINUE ~ FINISH Your Educational Journey with VUB

Veterans Upward Bound helps veterans prepare for college. Through instruction, tutoring, and advising, Veterans Upward Bound helps veterans gain the skills they need to succeed in an apprenticeship, trade, or other degree program.

In addition to academic support in subjects like math and writing, veterans gain important life skills that will help them during their college experience.



Veterans Upward Bound is a federally funded TRIO program through the Department of Education and is administered by Montana State University Northern.

College Transition Assistance:

These services are provided on an individual basis. Instructionand assistance are provided in the steps necessary to enroll in college.

- College application assistance
- Advocacy with academic history
- Advocacy for accommodation due to disability
- Assistance with GI Bill education benefits
- Assistance applying for federal financial aid
- Degree and career exploration
- Academic advising
- Introduction to online college learning platforms (Moodle, D2L)
- Referral to campus support: Student Support Services, New Student Services, AcademicSupport Center, Disability Support Services, School Certifying Official & Veterans' Services Office

Testing & Test Prep:

Including but not limited to:

- EdReady
- Career Assessment Inventory

Online Self-paced Instruction with Faculty/Tutoring Support:

VUB uses an online system called EdReady Montana to provide a broad range of rigorous and engaging self-paced online courses. Content canbe customized to meet individual needs. All online courses include tech support and faculty attached to monitor progress and tutor as needed.

- All levels of math
- Writing & reading

Tutoring:

VUB works to find tutors as needed for enrolled participants, including those enrolled in college or other training programs.

In-Class Instruction:

4-week fall, winter, spring, summer classes.

- Instruction offered in Math/Algebra, Writing & Computers *College Success & Science available in Billings
- All materials provided
- Tutoring available
- Locations:
 - Billings @ Montana State University Billings & Live-Online
 - Butte @ Highlands College of Montana Tech of UM
 - Great Falls @ Great Falls College MSU
 - Hamilton @ Bitterroot College UM
 - Havre @ Montana State University Northern
 - Helena @ Helena College
 - Kalispell @ Flathead Valley Community College
 - Missoula @ Missoula College & Live-Online

Academic Bridge Program:

Introduction to useful tools, required skills and remote learning. Designed for adult learners to increase confidence in their ability to navigate a new learning environment.

Workshops:

VUB provides regular short, focused workshops targeting specific skills or introducing new tools. Visit our website for information.

Social/cultural Events:

VUB hosts events for participants to make it easier for veterans to connect with other veterans and to develop supportive peer relationships.

Computer Laptop Program:

VUB has computers that are gently used and have been factory reset and work as if opened new out of the box. If a veteran needs a computer to complete their program of study, we can help!

Other Support:

• Referral to community resources