



THE PATRIOT

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

OCTOBER 2011

FREE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Academic Assessment
- Assistance with College Enrollment
- Assistance with Financial Aid and VA Education Benefits
- Assistance with Health care Benefits
- Book Loan Program for "core" classes
- Computer Lab
- Scholarship & Job Searches
- ASSISTANCE WITH ACADEMIC COURSES
 - ACCOUNTING
 - COMPOSITION
 - COMPUTER SKILLS
 - ENGLISH GRAMMAR
 - FOREIGN LANGUAGE
 - MATHEMATICS
 - READING
 - SCIENCE
 - SPEECH
 - INTERVIEW SKILLS
 - RÉSUMÉ WRITING
 - AND MUCH MORE...

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) is a TRiO program funded 100% by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

DEBORAH HOWARD, VUB Director

The Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) Program is designed to facilitate transition from military life to student life and to assist veterans in overcoming bureaucratic obstacles through counseling and referrals. We are excited about the program and look forward to working with veterans on all the campuses of Gadsden State. We encourage you to visit our offices, meet our staff and allow us the opportunity to show you the services VUB can provide. It is not mandatory that a veteran attend Gadsden State Community College, VUB will also service veterans who choose to attend other institutions of learning. We will work with you to customize an academic program that will fulfill your individual needs.



FREE DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

VETERANS PROMOTION

Throughout November, AARP and the Gadsden State Community College East Alabama Highway Safety Office (Ayers Campus) will offer a free Driver Safety Class to all veterans and their spouses. Any veteran is eligible and welcome however, AARP Driver Safety Classes are designed for those aged 50 and over. Emphasis is placed on those over age 55 when auto insurance discounts may take effect. Some proof of veteran status must be provided at the time of the class. This may include a military ID card, DD214, or membership card from any veteran organization such as the American Legion or VFW. For more information about class times and dates contact Ron McCary, assistant coordinator of the Community Traffic Safety Program at rmccary@gadsdenstate.edu or 256-832-1255. Veterans interested may also contact Tia Freeman at 256-549-8286 or tfreeman@gadsdenstate.edu.



VUB Instructional Sites:

Ayers Campus/Anniston

East Broad Campus/Gadsden

Gadsden State Cherokee/Centre-Cherokee County

McClellan Center/Anniston

Valley Street Campus/Gadsden

Wallace Drive Campus/Gadsden

Sessions held at other designated locations throughout the counties served by VUB.

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HONORING VETERANS THROUGH EDUCATION

AMANDA ABRAHAM - VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

Amanda Abraham is a student veteran at Gadsden State Community College. She served in the armed forces for six years and is currently pursuing a degree in early childhood/elementary education. Amanda has shown a remarkable sense of dedication and ambition spending countless hours in the VUB office studying and receiving free tutoring services. She has experienced great success and is one of VUB's biggest supporters. She will tell anyone about how great VUB is and the influence the program has had on her college experience. Amanda's name can be found on the Summer Semester 2011 Dean's List and she said, "If it weren't for VUB and the tutoring I received for my math course, I would have never been on the dean's list and maybe never passed the class." She is a great example of the success student veterans can have when they utilize the free services. Amanda is married, has a child, and is able to maintain her status on the dean's list with the help of VUB. The staff is proud of her and all of our other program participants, whether they spend countless hours in tutoring or just come in to ask a question. If you are a veteran, you don't have to feel lost as you make the transition to civilian life. The VUB Office is the place for veterans to come and utilize the many free services as well as benefits we have to offer. If you have questions about healthcare or education benefits, financial aid, help with a class, or just need the use of a computer lab, visit Veterans Upward Bound today.



Amanda Abraham, Veterans Upward Bound participant & Gadsden State student