

# VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

*Providing **FREE** Educational Support Services to Veterans*

**ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT / COLLEGE  
READINESS PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP  
SCHEDULE**

**Enroll Today!**

## **VUB Locations:**

### **Gadsden Campus**

Gadsden State Community College  
1001 George Wallace Drive  
Gadsden, AL 35902  
Phone (256) 549-8328  
Fax (256) 549-8282

### **McClellan Center/Anniston**

Gadsden State Community College  
100A Gamecock Drive  
Anniston, AL 36205  
Phone (256) 238-9354  
Fax (256) 238-9349

*Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) is a federal program funded by the U.S. Department of Education/TRIO designed to help eligible U.S. military veterans prepare for, enroll in, and graduate from a college program of study.*



***“Serving  
those who  
served”***

# Veterans Upward Bound Program Information

**Mission:** Gadsden State Community College provides a wide range of support services which enables students to function in a collegiate environment and make decisions appropriate to both their personal and educational goals. In fulfillment of the mission of the College, the services of the Veterans Upward Bound program offers encouragement and support to veterans by providing academic, cultural, and personal development opportunities. The Veterans Upward Bound program is designed to foster opportunities for veterans to gain the skills and abilities necessary to succeed in a program of postsecondary education.

**Vision:** The Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) program at Gadsden State Community College promotes exceptional educational and supportive services to eligible veterans. VUB is committed to providing a program that will address the individual needs of participants through assessment, academic, personal, motivational, and college counseling services in order to increase the success of the participant in a program of postsecondary education.

## FREE SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE VETERANS

### Educational Preparation & Support

- Academic Advising
- Personal Counseling
- Career Assessment & Counseling
- Educational Testing & Assessment
- College Preparatory Instruction
- Individualized or Group Tutoring
- Financial Aid Advising
- Workshops & Guest Speakers
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Educational/Cultural Activities

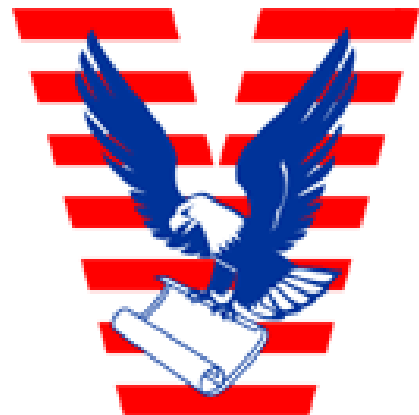
### Eligibility Requirements:

- A veteran who has served more than 180 active duty days as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and who was discharged or released from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable; **or** a veteran discharged or released from active duty due to a service-connected disability; and
- who is low-income, according to federal guidelines, **and/or** neither parent (natural or adoptive) earned a degree from a four-year college or university; and
- who possesses a desire, need, and commitment to enter and complete a postsecondary education or training program.

**Eligibility for VUB is not limited to students enrolled at Gadsden State Community College.**

### Areas Served:

The Veterans Upward Bound program, administered by Gadsden State Community College, is the only VUB program in Alabama. We are proud to serve Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Marshall, St. Clair & Talladega counties.



### How to Apply:

- ✓ Complete an application at one of our locations in Gadsden or Anniston:

The Gadsden VUB office is located in Beck Field House, Room 168, on the Wallace Drive Campus of Gadsden State Community College.

**or**

The Anniston VUB Office, Room 1206, is located at the McClellan Center (formerly Ft. McClellan) of Gadsden State Community College.

- ✓ Bring a copy of your DD214 which indicates a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable.

# Veterans Upward Bound Services

All programs, sessions and workshops are offered at both VUB locations in Gadsden and McClellan Center/Anniston.

## Academic Tutoring Services

VUB provides individual and group tutoring in math and English. Individual assistance is also provided in basic computer skills in the VUB lab.

## Personal Development Workshops

A series of workshops designed to assist students with their education, career and personal growth.

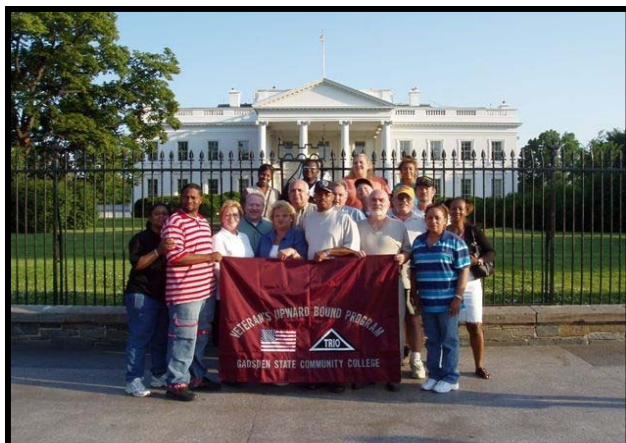


## Academic Link/College Survival Program

This program aids transition and adjustment to college. Provides information and activities designed to help students navigate through their academic experience. Topics include college study skills, note taking and test preparation, improving organizational skills, life-role planning, career exploration and planning and basic computer skills.

## Academic Enrichment/ College Readiness Program

This program provides preparatory instruction in English, math and basic computer skills. The purpose is to provide refresher sessions and academic support to prepare students for college placement testing and enrollment.



## Educational/Cultural Activities

Special events are sponsored throughout the year. These events are intended to foster a sense of community and personal and educational development for program participants. Examples include an annual educational/cultural trip in the spring, an annual academic program in the summer and an annual participant achievement program in the fall.

# Academic Tutoring Services

## Math Tutoring

Math tutoring is designed to provide support to enhance student skills in self-evaluation and problem solving in basic mathematics. Tutoring engages students in active learning, which assists in taking ownership of their learning for life skills, work and postsecondary education.

## English Tutoring

English tutoring is designed to assist in basic writing, reading and building the necessary skills for enhancing and building words into sentences, paragraphs and essays. The tutoring will provide students a level of self-confidence for taking the English college assessment and be better prepared for future college and a lifetime of skills for writing.

## Computer Tutoring

Computer tutoring is designed to assist students in building the necessary skills to help manage class coursework and navigate information. It also enhances their skills for academic learning and ability to utilize the computer such as grammatical errors, saving and modifying and basic understanding of how to use the Internet.



## TABE

The TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) assessment is an in-depth program that measures basic reading, language and mathematics skills. This program requirement aids in determining and documenting educational potential and need for academic support. A post-test is also given to measure the acquisition of specific academic skills obtained since the pre-test.

## Gadsden State Community College Important Campus Contacts

- **Admissions/ Success Center**  
256-549-8210
- **Advising/Counseling**  
256-549-8307
- **Career Center**  
256-549-8376
- **Enrollment/Advising**  
256-549-8271
- **Financial Aid**  
256-549-8267
- **Job Placement Center**  
256-549-8605
- **Placement Testing**  
256-549-8211
- **Registrar**  
256-549-8259
- **Scholarships**  
256-549-8203
- **Student Support Services**  
256-549-8375
- **Veterans Services**  
256-549-8207



**Sign up today**

# Academic Enrichment/College Readiness Program

## Academic Enrichment/College Readiness Sessions

VUB provides individual and group tutoring/instruction in math, science, and English. Training is also provided in basic computer skills. This program is designed to generate the skills and motivation essential for educational success and enrollment in postsecondary education. The academic/coordinator or counselor will determine the appropriate level of participation in each session. Graduates of program will receive a certificate of completion.

All programs, sessions and workshops are offered at both VUB locations in Gadsden and McClellan Center/Anniston.

### Mathematics

This session is designed to provide each student with a realistic and challenging college level experience. Session participants will have the opportunity to explore, develop, practice, enhance and utilize mathematics. This session will prepare you to score successfully on the college placement test for postsecondary education.

Sign up for this session at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan.  
Instructor: VUB staff

### Science

This session is designed to provide a survey of chemistry, physics, genetics and biology (plant, animal, human). These subjects are important for participants intending to major in health sciences, engineering or a related field.

Sign up for this session at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan.  
Instructor: VUB staff

### English

This session will place emphasis on grammar, reading comprehension and the construction of a personal essay. This session prepares students for college level reading and writing.

Sign up for this session at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan.  
Instructor: VUB staff

### Basic Computer Skills

This session will provide basic operation of Windows XP operating system, knowledge of formatting and preparing a paper in Microsoft Word and an introduction to the educational use of the Internet.

Sign up for this session at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan.  
Instructor: VUB staff

**VUB Graduation Dates:  
INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED AT A LATER DATE.  
LOOK FOR DETAILS.**

# Personal Development Workshops

## Personal Development

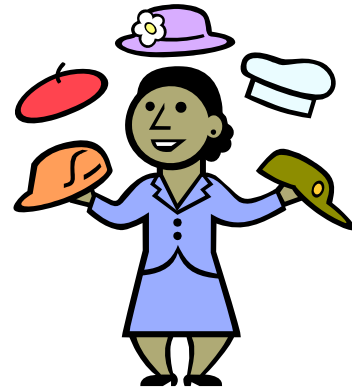
Personal and educational workshops designed to assist program participants in enhancing their life skills and assisting program participants in making the transition into postsecondary education. These workshops may be conducted by VUB staff, GSCC staff, prior VUB participants, professionals, and community volunteers.

### Career Exploration & Planning

This workshop will help you choose a major and give you a better sense of career direction. You will take a look at your skills, interests, values and preferred work environment. Gaining personal insight and self-awareness will help you make decisions that will lead to better career choices.

Sign up for this workshop at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan

Instructor: VUB Staff



### Introduction to Basic Keyboarding

This workshop focuses on learning finger placement and developing basic typing skills.

Sign up for this workshop at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan

Instructor: VUB Staff

### Introduction to the Internet

The Internet offers a rich array of content and services. This workshop will demonstrate how to make the most of your surfing experience.

Sign up for this workshop at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan

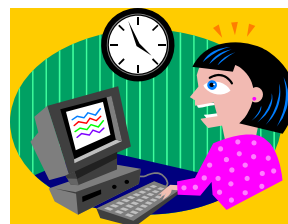
Instructor: VUB Staff

### Organizational Skills

This workshop will discuss organizing tips and ideas for school, home, and work which will increase efficiency and reduce stress.

Sign up for this workshop at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan

Instructor: VUB Staff



### Please Note

If you are interested in attending a workshop, please sign up at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan. You will be contacted with further information about the date, time and location.

# Academic Link Program

## Academic Link

This program aids student transition and adjustment to the Academic Enrichment/College Readiness program or while enrolled in college. These courses provide information, activities and guidance through a series of workshops. The program is open to all VUB program participants.

## Financial Aid & Scholarships

This workshop presents several potential sources of financial support that can be applied to the cost of an education. Participants will learn the difference between student loans and grants, review the process for applying for Federal Student Aid via Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and discuss eligibility for receiving and maintaining educational grants. Participants will also learn where to locate scholarships, how to apply and best practices for securing scholarships.

Sign up for this workshop at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan  
Instructor: VUB Staff

## Introduction to College

This workshop provides participants with information about college enrollment, placement testing, catalog, web site, advising, campus activities, library, registration, distance learning, programs of study, continuing education courses, and lots of other stuff that should be helpful around campus.

Sign up for this workshop at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan  
Instructor: VUB Staff

## College Study Skills

This workshop will discuss the importance of good study habits and how to develop them. Participants will explore their own personal learning style.

Sign up for this workshop at the VUB office in Gadsden or McClellan  
Instructor: VUB Staff



## College Tours

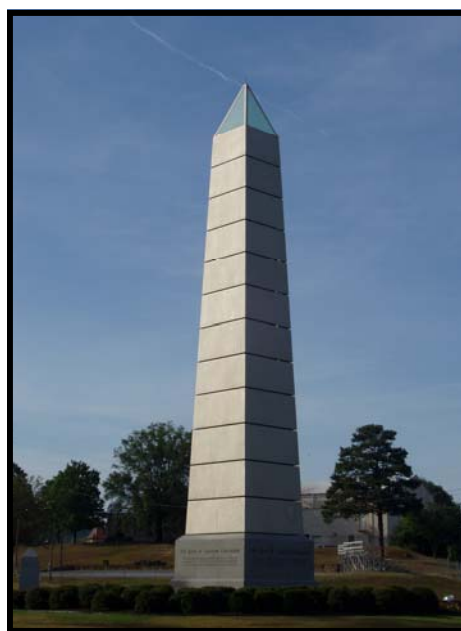
College tours may be scheduled as needed in order to provide participants an opportunity to explore what area colleges have to offer. Out-of-state college tours may be scheduled in conjunction with the annual educational/cultural trip held in the spring of each year.

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P.O. Box 227  
Gadsden, AL 35902-0227

**Veterans Upward Bound Web Site:**  
<http://www.gadsdenstate.edu/vub/index.html>

### Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs

**Blount County**  
205-274-2287  
**Calhoun County**  
256-241-2950  
**Cherokee County**  
256-927-3366  
**Cleburne County**  
256-463-7765  
**DeKalb County**  
256-845-2900  
**Etowah County**  
256-549-5459  
**Jackson County**  
256-259-1411  
**Marshall County**  
256-571-7761  
**St. Clair County**  
205-338-7315  
**Talladega County**  
256-761-2117



**The Spirit of American  
Citizenship Monument  
Gadsden**

### Alabama Career Centers

**Blount County/Blountsville**  
205-429-4311  
**Calhoun County/Anniston**  
256-832-0147  
**DeKalb County/Fort Payne**  
256-845-2900  
**Etowah County/Gadsden**  
256-546-4667  
**Jackson County/Scottsboro**  
256-574-1720  
**Marshall County/Albertville**  
256-878-3031  
**Talladega County/ Talladega**  
256-480-2109