

Educational and Vocational Counseling is provided for eligible service members and veterans. The outcome of this counseling is assistance in the selection of an educational or vocational goal and/or assistance in the selection of training institutions where this goal may be pursued.

To receive an evaluation for VR&E services, a veteran must:

- have received or will receive a discharge that is other than dishonorable
- have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10%
- submit a completed application for VR&E services

The basic period of eligibility in which VR&E services may be used is 12 years from the latter of the following:

- date of separation from active military service, or
- date the veteran was first notified by VA of a service-connected disability rating.

Free counseling services are provided to eligible applicants.

Call the nationwide toll free number, 1-800-827-1000 to request **VA Form 28-8832**, Application for Vocational Educational Counseling.

- [Click here to Download and Print an application for Education benefits.](#)

If you would like additional information on any of the VA Education programs, please contact the nearest Regional VA Benefits Office or call our national toll free number at 1-(800)-827-1000

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## Procedure to Follow Once Veteran has met with VA Counselor:

- Student should apply for a degree or certificate program with school
  - Applications can be obtained on UMass Lowell website
- VA Counselor will issue an Authorization Form (VA form 28-1905) each term
  - Authorization usually covers tuition, fees, bookstore purchases
  - Forms can be FAXED to 978-934-4076
- Student should contact VBC each term when they have registered for classes
- Each term VBC will pull students schedules and certify student for number of credits the student is registered for and send certification to VA Counselor
- UMass Lowell will then send bill to Voch Rehab for each term student is registered

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