Supporting Student Veterans

Outside the Wire is a program offered through U.S.VETS, the nation’s largest nonprofit service provider for homeless and at-risk veterans. Our holistic approach provides housing, mental health counseling, career programs and supportive services to help veterans and their families successfully transition to civilian life. While many organizations focus efforts on veterans who are currently homeless, U.S.VETS also leverages its decades of experience on preventing homelessness. The organization’s prevention programs, including Outside the Wire, Women Vets on Point, Veteran Peer Outreach and Career Development Initiative, are supported by a generous donation from the Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation. All programs are based out of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles, with some services available online and at select locations depending on the program. These services are increasingly vital to post-9/11-era veterans navigating life after military service.

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Finding a Support System

Veterans bring a wealth of strengths and positive experiences to their college communities. However, if you’re transitioning from military service, you may face challenges adjusting to college life. Some student veterans may feel the military has prepared them to do well in school while others express concerns meeting academic standards. You may feel like you don’t fit in with other college students, and finding like-minded peers can be difficult. Student veterans, many of whom are older, married or coupled, may experience more competing demands than the traditional undergraduate, resulting from the need to work or care for dependents. Balancing school and responsibilities can take a toll. Or, you may have physical or emotional disabilities, which can impact school performance, the ability to concentrate and complete assignments, and you need special accommodations. You are not alone.

We can help.

Outside the Wire is a free service for student veterans to smooth the adjustment to college life and set you up for success. We provide confidential counseling, case management and other resources to empower you to adapt and thrive in school and in life. Ours is a community where you can get to know other veterans and enjoy a safe space to share your experiences, make friends and learn how to cope with the challenges of this new chapter.

Our Services

- Individual and family counseling
- Case management
- Mental health and wellness groups
- Suicide prevention awareness groups
- Benefits and claims assistance
- Educational workshops

Benefits You’ll Love

- Free
- Confidential
- In person or online
- Inclusive communities
- Highly trained counselors and case managers, many with military backgrounds
- Located at community colleges throughout Southern California

Locations

Visit us at a veteran resource center near you.

Orange County
- Coastline College
- Cypress College
- Fullerton College
- Golden West College
- Irvine Valley College
- Orange Coast College
- Santa Ana College
- Santiago Canyon College

Los Angeles County
- Citrus Community College
- Cerritos College
- Santa Monica College
- Pasadena City College
- Los Angeles Harbor College
- East Los Angeles College
- El Camino College
- Long Beach City College
- Los Angeles Community College