

EDUCATION:

Dubuque is the proud home of three **Active Yellow Ribbon Program** private universities and one nationally recognized **Veteran Friendly** community college. Clarke University, Loras College, the University of Dubuque and Northeast Iowa Community College enroll more than 12,000 students and employ more than 1,600 area residents. Clarke University, University of Dubuque, Loras College and Northeast Iowa Community college are all members of the **Service Members Opportunity Colleges (SOC)** Consortium. The impact of an educated population on future workforce may be the single most important benefit that our institutions of higher education provide.

On-Campus Assistance

Each institution provides one-on-one veteran assistance and advisement. Topics include but are not limited to: applying for entry, assistance in accessing eligible military benefits, academic support and career assistance, and linking to local professional military associations, veterans service organizations, on-campus student organizations and veteran volunteer organizations. The University of Dubuque is home to one of the largest Veteran Admission Centers in the region.

Transfer of Military Training Credit

Our institutions of higher learning in Dubuque County value military experience and accept transfer credit through the Veterans Joint Service Transcript (JST). Transfer credit is also available through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Services (DANTES), American Council on Education (ACE), College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program.

Flexible Military Leave

Students may withdraw from classes at local institutions of higher learning due to military commitments without penalty at any time, and will be readmitted to the respective program under same academic standing upon return.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance is available through the Department of Defense (DOD) tuition assistance, National Guard Education Assistance Program (NGEAP), Vocational Rehabilitation, and Post 9/11 GI Bill. Individual schools also offer financial assistance to support students with military ties including waived college application fees. The University of Dubuque is a recipient of the Military Child Education Initiative Grant and ROTC Service Scholarship. They also contribute \$10,000 toward the Yellow Ribbon program. The Veterans Administration matches the \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 toward tuition.

Aviation

Envoy Air has partnered with University of Dubuque to develop a career path from student to Regional Airline Pilot. This program gives the pilot a secured position at Envoy Air while building time towards the ATP minimum flight experience requirements.