





# With Suffolk's affordable tuition, I was able to use the NYS Veterans Tuition Award to cover my tuition and save my GI Bill to transfer to Fordham University. 33

- Christopher Mustakas, Class of 2014 Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps

# You Served. We Honor.

At Suffolk County Community College, we proudly serve more than 700 military-connected students each year. The transition from military service to civilian life can be a critical period in the life of a student veteran. We know that balancing college with your many military, career, family and personal responsibilities can be extremely challenging. At Suffolk, we recognize that all service members have different needs and educational goals. The combination of resources, institutional support, student community and personalized attention that you will receive while enrolled at Suffolk makes it an excellent place to begin your academic career or continue your studies.

Here you will find affordable, quality higher education delivered in small class settings, led by faculty with credentials from many of the country's most acclaimed colleges and universities. Classes are conveniently available during the day and evening and on weekends — both on campus and online — to fit your busy schedule.

# **The Best and Brightest Students**

Our students are among the best and brightest in the region. Many of them choose to earn an associate degree here and then transfer with full credit to a highly rated four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree. By spending the first two years of their higher education experience at Suffolk, they receive a quality education while saving tens of thousands of dollars.

The College is also committed to economic empowerment, entrepreneurial development and skills enhancement. As a premier learning-centered institution, we offer more than 100 degree and certificate programs, including nursing, EMT and criminal justice. In addition, we offer a wide range of programs that lead to employment opportunities in a variety of highly skilled workforce training fields — such as welding and CNC machine operations.

# **Benefits for Military and Veteran Students**

- Suffolk offers affordable tuition, which is covered by the GI Bill® and tuition assistance, most times resulting in little to no out-of-pocket expenses.
- A Veterans Resource Center with dedicated professionals is available on each campus to assist you with the process of transitioning from military to college life and beyond.
- A vibrant Student Veterans Association on each campus will help connect you with other service members and veterans who want to support you.
- The College offers a Stars and Stripes Lounge so veterans can relax in a quiet space on campus or to connect with fellow student veterans.
- Suffolk partners with outside community organizations that serve military and veteran
  populations by providing office hours on campus, bringing a wide variety of resources to
  the College's veteran community.
- Suffolk offers a deployment policy and priority registration for military and veteran students, helping you secure the classes and schedules that you need.
- Academic advising is available to help students explore and evaluate the best programs
  of study, as well as assistance with transfer options specific to military and veteran students.
- Suffolk is a proud member of the American Council on Education (ACE), which helps service members and veterans obtain college credit for their military training and experience. At Suffolk, credit is also awarded for CLEP and DSST exams.
- The college is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

# **Applying Is Easy**

- Apply for admission by visiting sunysuffolk.edu/Veterans.
- As an active duty service member or member of the Guard or Reserves, you may be eligible for up to \$250 per credit in tuition assistance. For more information, visit sunysuffolk.edu/Veterans.
- Apply for federal student aid by visiting fafsa.ed.gov.
  - Apply for the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and Veterans Tuition Award (VTA) by visiting hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/nys-tap.html.

# **Education Benefits**

Did you know the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides education benefits for service members who have served on active duty for 90 or more days after Sept. 10, 2001? The Post-9/11 GI Bill can pay your full tuition and fees at school, provide you with a monthly housing allowance while you are going to school (pay grade E-5 with dependent), and give you up to \$1,000 a year to use for purchasing books and supplies.

# **POST-9/11 SERVICE**

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At least 36 cumulative months (includes entry level or skills training times)	100%
At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service-connected disability (includes entry level or skills training times)	100%
At least 30 cumulative months (includes entry level or skills training times)	90%
At least 24 cumulative months (cannot include entry level or skills training times)	80%
At least 18 cumulative months (cannot include entry level or skills training times)	70%
At least 12 cumulative months (cannot include entry level or skills training times)	60%
At least 6 cumulative months (cannot include entry level or skills training times)	50%
90 aggregate days (cannot include entry level or skills training times)	40%



World can be a stressful process. The staff, faculty and student organizations at Suffolk County Community College help to make this process simple and painless. 35

Charles Eglin, Class of 2014
 Specialist, U.S. Army

For more information, please call (631) 451-4456 or visit the Veterans Resource Center on each campus:

### **Ammerman Campus**

533 College Road Southampton Building, Room 126 Selden, NY 11784

## **Michael J. Grant Campus**

Crooked Hill Road Caumsett Hall, Room 109 Brentwood, NY 11717

### **Eastern Campus**

121 Speonk-Riverhead Road Peconic Building, Room 221A Riverhead, NY 11901

### **Shannon O'Neill**

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