Veterans Student Success Center
Purpose/Goals of Veteran Student Success Center (VSSC)

We are here to help the transitioning service member from the military, to school, and then into the workforce.
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You’re on your way with 7 easy steps.

1. Students using VA educational benefits must apply for admission to the school and for their educational benefits
   – Applying to San Jac is really easy. We’ve created a simple online tool to quickly take you through the process. www.sanjac.edu/apply
   – Apply for VA Educational Benefits at www.gibill.va.gov. This process can take up to 30-45 business days. The Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is sent to the student. Post 911 recipients must have a COE in order for the school to pay tuition and fees.
2. Submit Transcripts
   • All academic transcripts need to be evaluated. Students are required to submit official transcripts from all schools in which they have attended. Transcripts should be sent directly to SJC. High school transcripts or GED transcripts are also required. If you received a GED please contact the Enrollment Service Office on your campus, often they can assist you with obtaining the GED transcript. Foreign transcripts will need to be evaluated by an approved agency, contact the Enrollment Service Office for more information.

3. Request Transcript Evaluation
   • You’ll need to submit the Request for Transcript Evaluation. Submit the Transcript Evaluation form to the Enrollment Service Office. This request can take 10-15 business days to process.
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4. Testing

Your success matters to us, and you’ll be more successful at San Jacinto College when you start in the right classes. Before you meet with an advisor and attend new student orientation, it’s important that you take a course placement test in reading, writing and math. Veterans are exempt from placement testing. Veterans who separated prior to 1990 are still required to test (pg. 16 – 2011/12 catalog). However, Placement Testing is still recommend for all Veterans, to ensure a successful educational experience. Your Veterans Office or Academic Planning Office can assist you with additional information.
5. Meet with an Advisor

Academic Planning and Advising Office

Getting the degree you desire within the time frame you want, takes careful planning. Our academic advisors are here to help formulate your plan and keep you on track. VA requires that you meet with an Academic Planner before you can be certified for your Education Benefits. Your friendly Academic Planner is here to assist you in selecting the appropriate classes for your degree plan. Appointments are not required. Please see the Academic Planning Office on your campus for more information.
6. Apply for Financial Aid

- San Jacinto College is tax-supported, so the cost to attend here is much lower than many other colleges. However, students may still need additional financial assistance. The Financial Aid Offices on each campus are here to assist you. The college encourages all students to apply for financial aid. Students needing help with the application can contact their campus Financial Aid Office. Students can also complete the FAFSA Application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. SJC school code is 003609.

Have you had a change in income or recently separated?
- You may qualify for aid under special circumstances. Please contact your Financial Aid Staff member for assistance.
7. Attend Orientation /Register for Classes

- If you have no prior college you’ll need to attend a New Student Orientation so you can register for classes. This is one of the most important and most enjoyable steps in the process. You’ll learn all about San Jacinto College and the services/resources that are available to you. You can sign up by simply logging into your S.O.S. Account or by contacting the First Year Experience Office at 281-998-6150.

- If you have prior college then you are now ready to register for your classes.