

**VETERANS GUIDE**

**STEP 1: ADMISSIONS**

**General Admission Information**: William Casterlow

www.kent.edu/stark/admissions-office Admissions Counselor  
 330-244-3250  
 [wcasterl@kent.edu](mailto:wcasterl@kent.edu)

**Residency Issues**: Stephanie Tarver **or** Mary Southards  
(if you have not lived in the State Admissions Specialist Assistant Dean  
of Ohio in the last 12-month 330-244-3258 330-244-3240

calendar year) [starver1@kent.edu](mailto:starver1@kent.edu) [msouthar@kent.edu](mailto:msouthar@kent.edu)

**How to Apply for Admission**:

* Apply online at [www.kent.edu/stark/apply](http://www.kent.edu/stark/apply)-now
* The $40 admission fee (fee subject to change) will be waived for veterans if they provide a DD Form 214 or a military ID.
* ACT/SAT scores are not required if you have been out of high school for 3 years or if you are 21 years of age or older.
* If you have a GED, bring in the original certificate and scores for Admissions to copy. Send electronic parchment GED transcripts to [starkadmissions@kent.edu](mailto:starkadmissions@kent.edu). Some restrictions apply; see Admissions for details.
* Request official transcripts; they are considered official only if they arrive (by mail or hand-delivered) in a sealed letterhead envelope from a high school, college or university. Transcripts must be received from **all** schools you have attended (i.e. your high school, Central Texas College, University of Maryland, etc.)
* Provide military transcripts to receive credit for military training:
  + Provide Admissions with copy of DD Form 214 Member 4.
  + For Air Force and Air National Guard transcripts on-line at AFVEC go to <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Home.aspx> and log in. Under Self Service select “CCAF View Progress Report”. In the “Transcripts” drop down, select “Order a Transcript”. Select Kent State University from the list. There is no cost for CCAF transcripts using this method.
  + All enlisted officers and warrant officers, both active and veterans from Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy and National Guard request transcripts on-line at <https://jst.doded.mil> and log in. Select the “Transcript” link at the top of the page. On the “Transcripts Menu” select “Official Transcript Request”. Search for the school and select Kent State University. On the next page, acknowledge the consent statement and select “Yes”. There is no cost for JST transcripts.
  + The Kent State University Credit Transfer Office evaluates the transcripts and issues course credits accordingly. Once the courses have been evaluated, an academic advisor will answer questions regarding these credits.
* Please contact Admissions to see if placement testing is required.

**STEP 2: VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS & FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID**

**Primary Veterans Contact**: **Secondary Veterans Contact**:

Anne Fritz Andrea Dale

VA Certifying Official & Financial Aid Representative Financial Aid Coordinator & VA Certifying Official

330-244-3246 | 330-499-0301 (fax) 330-244-3242 | 330-499-0301 (fax)  
[afritz2@kent.edu](mailto:afritz2@kent.edu) [adale@kent.edu](mailto:adale@kent.edu)

**Be prepared to answer the following questions:**

* + What VA education benefit(s) are you eligible to use and have you applied to use them?
  + Have you attended college previously either at KSU or elsewhere?
  + If you attended college previously, did you use VA education benefits at that time?
  + Are you currently on active duty? Are you currently in Ohio National Guard or in the Reserves?
* The forms/documentation required will depend on your answers to the previous questions. Contact the VA Certifying Official for the forms and documentation that apply to you.
* VA regulations state that only courses required for your degree program may be certified. If you have not declared a major and are in the exploratory category, you must declare a major by your third semester (the VA allows you only two semesters in exploratory).
* To receive federal financial aid (grants and/or student loans) in addition to VA education benefits, complete the FAFSA (Free Application Federal Student Aid) for 2018-19 at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Contact Financial Aid approximately two weeks after completing the FAFSA for further information.

**STEP 3: ACADEMIC ADVISING**  
  
**General Advising Information**: Venecia Alexander **or** Ryan Bucher  
 Academic Advisor Academic Advisor  
 330-244-3276 330-244-3260   
 [valexan2@kent.edu](mailto:valexan2@kent.edu) [rbucher@kent.edu](mailto:rbucher@kent.edu)

* Schedule an academic advising appointment after first seeing Admissions **and** admittance to the university. Schedule an appointment online at [www.kent.edu/stark/advising-services](http://www.kent.edu/stark/advising-services) or call 330-244-3251 for assistance. Inform your academic advisor that you are using VA education benefits.

**STEP 4: ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER**  
  
**If you need any of the following services, please contact these staff members:**  
  
**Accessibility Services: Counseling Services:**

Darcy McBride Emily Ribnik, PCC-S

Academic Services Coordinator Clinical Counselor

330-2445047 330-244-5048

[dmcbri10@kent.edu](mailto:dmcbri10@kent.edu) [starkcounseling@kent.edu](mailto:starkcounseling@kent.edu)

**Testing & Tutoring Services:** **Interfaith Campus Ministry:**

Lisa Hart Rev. Ryan Johanning   
Director for Academic Services Director for Interfaith Campus Ministry 330-244-5042 330-244-3282 [lhart@kent.edu](mailto:lhart@kent.edu) [rjohanning\_gst@kent.edu](mailto:rjohanning_gst@kent.edu)

**STEP 5: VETERANS COMMONS**

**If you would like to tour our veterans and service members-only space on campus, please contact:**

Hector McDaniel

Veterans Ambassador

330-244-3336

[hmcdanie@kent.edu](mailto:hmcdanie@kent.edu)

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