New Student Veteran, Reservist and Dependent/Spouse To-Do List

1) Apply for education and training benefits through the VA: https://www.va.gov/education/

2) Check WEAMS to confirm your intended program is approved by the VA https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do

3) Explore the Student Veterans Affairs website: https://dos.uic.edu/student-veterans-affairs/

4) Review Application and Forms Guidance to learn about financial support opportunities available from the US. Department of Veterans Affairs, Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and Federal Student Aid found at: https://dos.uic.edu/student-veterans-affairs/benefits-and-forms/

5) Complete UIC’s Annual VA Benefit Application. Deadlines are listed on our website. Completion of this form is one requirement that will allow students to have US Department of Veterans Affairs Education and Training benefits applied at UIC. This application is only required once per academic year. The academic year begins in the fall and ends in the summer. Read the application carefully prior to attempting to submit and ensure you can upload required documents depending on the type of education and training benefit for which you are eligible. https://dos.uic.edu/student-veterans-affairs/benefits-and-forms/

6) Use the Download Advisor Verification Form to access and complete the student sections of the form in preparation for your advising session. https://dos.uic.edu/student-veterans-affairs/benefits-and-forms/ The Advisor Verification Form is required every semester. The advisor is able to complete and sign the form after you are officially registered for courses. Have your advisor email you the completed form. Please note, if you make any changes to your official registration once it has been signed by an advisor, you will need to submit a revised form.

7) Submit completed and revised Advisor Verification Forms to the Upload Advisor Verification Form link located at: https://dos.uic.edu/student-veterans-affairs/benefits-and-forms/

If you have any questions, contact Student Veterans Affairs at: 312.413.5112 OR studentveteransaff@uic.edu