

Opportunities for Veterans



Woodrow Jones U.S. Army (Retired)

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice — Homeland Security

COLLEGE OF CHOICE



"I took a lot of courses during my 27 years with the Navy. Excelsior made it possible to actually finish. They accepted a lot of my credits from those courses, as well as from military training."



The college of choice for those who have served.

Maybe you're looking ahead to civilian life and work. Or you've already retired and want to move up in your career.

Either way, the best route to your objective may be a college degree.

And there's no better way to earn it than with a college that has helped veterans achieve their objectives — an accredited college where you can get credit for military training, take courses whenever and wherever you choose, and do it all affordably.

No matter where you are in your career, Excelsior College brings college within your reach. It's why, for tens of thousands of military personnel and veterans all over the world, we are the college of choice.



Excelsior College received the designation "Best for Vets" from *Military Times Edge* magazine.

The most efficient path for veterans.

Why Excelsior College? Because we get you to your degree more efficiently than any other option.

- We accept more credits, including credits
 you earned through military training, exams, courses
 from other colleges and universities, and even life
 experience.
- We give you options for finishing your degree, all available at a distance. Complete Excelsior College courses online or via CD-ROM—or show what you already know by taking Excelsior College* Examinations (ECEs), and UExcel* Exams for credit.
- Veteran Education Partnerships. Supports the educational needs of members and employees of veteran associations and veteran friendly employers.
 Provides reduced tuition and fee pricing for veterans, spouses or domestic partners, members, and employees.

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- We help you chart your course with dedicated military academic advisors and consultants.
- We make it affordable. Having to earn fewer credits saves you money. So does a range of veteranfriendly financial aid programs.

Thanks to these advantages, *Military Advanced Education* named Excelsior College one of the top 20 colleges serving the U.S. military. And *GI Jobs* ranked us among the top 15% of military-friendly Colleges.



It was his last year of active duty, and Price Martin had a mission. This time it was personal.

"I wanted to be the first in my family to receive a bachelor's degree," recalled the retired Marine, "and I wanted to set an example for my children. I am a true believer in leading by example."

Martin chose Excelsior College "because they allowed for great flexibility in how I could set up the curriculum," he recalled. "Excelsior has an excellent online study program, and that was my introduction on online classes. I enjoyed how the college provided me with challenges."

Now, with a bachelor's degree firmly in hand, this network security expert has set himself another goal: a master's degree in information security. He also has some advice for veterans who are thinking about college. "Finish what you start," he said, "no matter how long it takes you."

Degree and Certificate Programs

School of Business & Technology

Business Programs

Associate Degrees

Associate in Applied Science, Administrative/Management Studies*
Associate in Science, Business

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Professional Studies, Business and Management*
Bachelor of Science, Accounting, NYS CPA Track
Bachelor of Science, Business with concentration*

Bachelor's/MBA Dual Degree Track

Bachelor of Science, Business with dual degree option for MBA with concentration*

Graduate Business Degrees

Master of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration with concentration:

- Cybersecurity Management
- Health Care Management
- Human Performance Technology
- Human Resource Management
- Information Security
- Leadership
- Social Media Management
- Technology Management

* Concentrations in:

- General Business*
- Accounting
- Finance
- Global Business
- Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management
- Management Human Resources*
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Risk Management and Insurance
- * Many Excelsior College degree programs are specifically designed to leverage your formal military training for credit and enable you to earn a degree in your career field.



"I am a retired Soldier and JROTC Instructor. Excelsior College offered the perfect transition for my educational experiences. As a military retiree I was able to garner credit for much of my military education and life experiences. The Liberal Arts Department was an excellent venue for my degree completion. The online format allowed me to work for longer periods of time when it was more convenient for me. Overall, I am very glad that I am an Alumni of this outstanding educational institution."

Degree and Certificate Programs

School of Business & Technology

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Technology

Associate Degrees

Associate in Applied Science, Technical Studies with area of focus**
Associate in Science, Nuclear Technology*

Associate in Science, Technology with area of focus **

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering Technology with concentration: ♦

- Electronics
- Nanotechnology
- Power Systems

Bachelor of Science, Information Technology with concentration:

- General Option
- Cybersecurity Technology
- Information Security
- Network Management

Bachelor of Science, Nuclear Engineering Technology *◆

Bachelor of Professional Studies, Technology Management with area of focus: *

- Electrical Technology
- Information Technology
- Nuclear Technology
- Renewable Energy Technology

Bachelor of Science, Technology with area of focus*

Bachelor's/MBA Dual Degree Technology Track

Bachelor of Science, Nuclear Engineering Technology with dual degree option for MBA

Bachelor of Science, Nuclear Engineering Technology with dual degree option for MBA with concentration:

- Cybersecurity Management
 Leadership
- Human Performance Technology Social Media Management
- Human Resource Management Technology Management
- Information Security
 Health Care Management

Graduate Technology Degree

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

School of Business & Technology

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Technology (continued)

Certificate Programs

Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity

Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity Management

* Area of Focus in:

- Computer Technologies
- Electromechanical Technologies
- Electronic/Instrumentation Technologies
- Mechanical/Welding Technologies (Bachelor Degree only)
- Nuclear Technologies
- Power Plant Technologies
- ♦ ABET Accredited

School of Liberal Arts

Associate Degrees

Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts

Associate in Science, Liberal Arts*

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts*

Bachelor of Science in History

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Sociology

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with concentration:

- Administration of Criminal Justice*
- Homeland Security*
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety*

Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts, Liberal Studies

Master of Science, Criminal Justice with concentration:

- Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Certificate Programs

Certificate in Homeland Security

Degree and Certificate Programs

School of Health Sciences

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science, Health Care Management

Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences with emphasis: *

End of Life Care
 Gerontology
 Health Education
 Health Education

Health and Wellness

 Public Health
 Management

Bachelor's/MBA Dual Degree Track

Bachelor of Science, Health Care Management with dual degree option for MBA

Bachelor of Science, Health Care Management with dual degree option for MBA with concentration:

- Human Performance Technology - Leadership

Information Security
 Health Care Management

- Technology Management - Human Resources Management

- Cybersecurity Management - Social Media Management

Certificate Programs

Certificate in Health Care Management (Undergraduate Level) Certificate in End of Life Care (Undergraduate Level)

Certificate in Health Care Informatics (Graduate Level)

School of Nursing

Associate Degrees

Associate in Science in nursing

Associate in Applied Science in nursing*

Bachelor's Degrees

RN to Bachelor of Science in nursing

RN to Master's Degree

RN to Master of Science in nursing with specialization:

- Clinical Systems Management
- Nursing Informatics
- Nursing Education

Master's Degree

Master of Science in nursing with specialization:

- Clinical Systems Management
- Nursing Informatics
- Nursing Education

Certificate Programs

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Management Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Education Iris B. Echazabal (left) and Angela Marie Brown (right), celebrate at the 2009 Commencement ceremony, in Albany, NY. Echazabal earned an Associate in Applied Science in nursing degree, while Brown earned an Associate in Science in nursing degree. Both veterans are medical professionals from North Carolina.



"I am an independent learner, so Excelsior College was perfect for me. I chose it because of the flexibility, the convenience, and the ability to prioritize my own schedule. The exams were particularly valuable: it was great to be able to receive my grade instantly. And it means so much to come to graduation. My next goal is to earn my Bachelor of Science in nursing."

ANGELA MARIE BROWN
U.S. ARMY (RETIRED)
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN NURSING

Options to help you chart your course.

Credit or non-credit, degree programs or certificates or certifications, Excelsior College provides you with a wealth of choices to meet your objectives:

- **Excelsior College Courses**. With over 400 courses in 30 degree and certificate programs including criminal justice and homeland security Excelsior College courses cover the gamut of academic disciplines. The School of Business and Technology also offers select courses on CD-ROM, enabling you to fit them into your schedule.
- Excelsior College® Examinations. Show what you know and earn credit for it. Excelsior College Examinations allow you to study at your own pace; then, when you're ready, you can take the exam at your nearest Pearson Vue Testing Center.
- Center for Professional Development (CPD). With over 70 programs that are VA approved and eligible for using VA benefits, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill, CPD programs provide cutting-edge comprehensive knowledge and skills for a new career or to enhance your current career. For more information email cpd@excelsior.edu.
- Success Strategies for Military and Veterans Course. Provides college orientation to veteran and military members, and teaches transitional career strategies for those entering the civilian workforce or continuing with a military career. This eight week online course helps veterans make informed decisions about their future through the creation of an education plan and career action plan.

"With my dyslexia, I learn better online or by CD-ROM than in a classroom setting. There is less distraction, so I can concentrate on the lesson and assignments. That's why Excelsior College was perfect for me. You could tell they really cared, too. Now I recommend Excelsior to all my Army buddies."





"I liked the participation of online learning. I had good conversations about my studies on the Web board; some of my questions received as many as 72 responses. I talked more with students and professors than I would if I were in a classroom.

Not that I could have been in a classroom: because of my work schedule, I was unable to take daytime classes or go to night school. Excelsior fit into my lifestyle.

And while other colleges would not accept my previously earned credits, Excelsior did. This helped me finish my degree sooner and advance my career."

Paul V. Gillen
U.S. Navy (RETIRED)
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Whatever you need to succeed.

No matter what your course of study, Excelsior College provides the resources you'll need as you finish your degree:

 Academic Advisors. The Center for Military Education has Military Admission Counselors and Academic Advisors, many who are veterans, standing by to guide you every step of the way.

- Excelsior College Library.

The library gives you access to thousands of online books, articles, and other tools through its partnership with the Sheridan Libraries of the Johns Hopkins University.

- MyExcelsior. Your window into everything at Excelsior College, MyExcelsior enables you to customize our online services to your needs.
- Excelsior College Bookstore. From our online bookstore, you can purchase not only textbooks, but software, Guided Learning Packages to help you prepare for exams, and other study supplies. Also available by fax or phone.
- Online writing and tutoring services.
 Take advantage of experienced tutors who can help you improve your writing skills.
- One Transcript[®]. Combine your academic records into a single transcript, so your presentation to employers and other colleges is clear and impressive.

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- Career Center. Centralized resources, services, and tools to provide a strong foundation for all your future career decisions. Access an entire list at excelsior.edu/career. EC JobLinks also offered as a free online job search database and resume building tool. excelsior.edu/web/ec-joblinks
- New Veterans' Center. Connect with other veteran students and get matched to a supportive veteran mentor.

Excelsior College is affordable.

Few colleges help veterans pay for college in the way Excelsior College does. First and foremost, because we accept more of your credits, you have fewer left to earn. That not only generates major savings, but helps you complete your degree more quickly.

In addition, a broad range of financial aid programs make Excelsior College eminently affordable for those who have served:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
- Reserves Educational Assistance Program (REAP — Chapter 1607)
- Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP — Chapter 32)
- Old GI Bill (Chapter 34-noncontributory, converted to Chapter 30)
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31)

Here too, we're available to help you every step of the way. Just contact our experts on VA benefits at **VAFA@excelsior.edu.**



The Post-9/11 GI Bill can go a long way in helping you pay for Excelsior College. Veterans' benefits include:

- Tuition and fees paid directly to the school (not to exceed the maximum in-state tuition and fees at a public institution of higher learning)
- Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA):
 Veterans must attend college greater than halftime to full-time and take at least one course per semester at an in-residence local college
- Solely online monthly housing allowance:
 Veterans pursuing classes through distance
 learning may receive MHA by attending
 college greater than half-time to full-time.
 The housing allowance is half the national
 average BAH for an E-5 with dependents
- Annual books and supplies stipend of up to \$1,000 based on enrollment
- One-time rural benefit payment for eligible individuals



The Post-9/11 GI Bill

Active duty completed after September 10, 2001	Percentage of maximum amount payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
30 months to 36 months	90%
24 months to 30 months	80%
18 months to 24 months	70%
12 months to 18 months	60%
6 months to 12 months	50%
90 days to 6 months	40%

Percentage Payable: Payment of tuition and fees shown above is based on the time served after September 10, 2001. The percentage paid to a member will apply to tuition, fees, housing allowance, and book stipend. The longer you served after September 10, 2001, the larger your benefits.



MGIB versus Post-9/11 Comparisons

	MGIB (Ch. 30 — no kicker)	Post-9/11 (Ch. 33 — 100% eligibility)	
Part-time Comparison: Veteran student is enrolled in a bachelor degree program at Excelsior College, taking 6 credits in a 15 week term.			
VA Monthly	\$2,760	\$2,130	
Allotment	(Student paid tuition to the college, monthly allotment paid to the student.)	(Tuition paid by VA directly to college.)	
Books	0	\$250	
Total	\$2,760	\$2,380	
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Thinking of Switching Veteran Administration benefits?

The tables above illustrate comparisons between the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Depending on your circumstances either one could be beneficial. If you are currently using a VA benefit and are considering switching to the Post-9/11 GI Bill, be sure you are well informed. This decision will be irrevocable.

Visit the VA website **www.gibill.va.gov** or call 888-GI-BILL-1 then press 1, then press 0 to discuss your benefits or contact the Excelsior College Financial Aid office at **VAFA@excelsior.edu** for more information.



"Reflecting on my academic career and ultimate attainment of a BS degree from Excelsior, I credit my mother as an inspiration for all of my efforts. I often recall my mother encouraging me with the reminder that 'the only limits you have are the ones you set.' I took those words to heart, in overcoming dyslexia in grade school, as well as in successfully enduring recent cancer surgery. I appreciate the opportunity Excelsior College provided for me to consolidate credits from the many institutions, and to earn credits by exam. And I plan to continue my academic career."

MARY HARRISON
U.S. ARMY (RETIRED)
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

Next steps to success.

1. Apply

Office at 518-464-8777.

Establish Veterans Administration (VA) eligibility by completing VA Form 22-1990, found at **vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp.**The Department of Veterans Affairs will then issue a Certificate of Eligibility Statement, which outlines your percentage of benefits. Fax a copy of the statement to our Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs

Complete the Undergraduate Application to receive a preliminary review of your credits at excelsior.edu/apply. Pay the application fee, and send in your official military transcripts and prior college transcripts for evaluation.

Excelsior Military Admissions Counselors are available at **veterans@excelsior.edu** if you need assistance or have questions.

2. Enroll

Choose one of two enrollment options: **Excelsior Course Option** or **Multi-Source Option**.

Enroll at excelsior.edu/enroll.

Contact your Academic Advising Team and request approval for the courses or examinations you plan to take at Excelsior College. Your academic advisor can also approve courses that you may want to take at other institutions.

3. Meet your requirements

Register for courses online at **excelsior.edu/courses.** The percentage of eligibility (from your Certificate of Eligibility Statement) will be calculated and can be applied toward your registration. Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, if you qualify for 100% eligibility, no additional dollars will be required; if you qualify for 40–90% eligibility, your payment will be adjusted accordingly and the remaining fees can be charged to a major credit card.

Financial advisors can assist you with other financial options such as our payment plan. Visit **excelsior.edu/paymentplans** for details of the plan.

4. Graduate!

Excelsior College confers degrees and certificates every month, so you can stay on track and move your career forward.
Graduates may attend the annual July commencement ceremony in Albany, New York, or participate in onsite commencements sponsored by military education centers.



Take the next step in your career...

...with the most efficient path to your college degree. For details, contact our Center for Military Education:

veterans@excelsior.edu 888-647-2388, ext. 1352

(From outside the United States and Canada, call **518-464-8500.**)

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(designed specifically for veterans
and military personnel)

Accreditation

Excelsior College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, telephone: 267-284-5000. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

The associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs in nursing at Excelsior College are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, telephone: 404-975-5000. The NLNAC is a specialized accrediting agency for nursing recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

The bachelor's degree programs in electrical engineering technology and nuclear engineering technology are accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET, 111 Market Place, Suite 1050, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-347-7700; www.abet.org. ABET is a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

The bachelor's degree programs in accounting (NYS CPA Track) and business are accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), 11257 Strang Line Rd., Lexena, KS 66215, 913-631-3009. IACBE is a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

All the College's academic programs are registered (i.e., approved) by the New York State Education Department.

Recognition

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program has been accepted into full membership by the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP).

The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated and made college credit recommendations for Excelsior College Examinations.

The National League for Nursing (NLN) designated the Excelsior College School of Nursing as a 2011–2015 NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education in recognition of the College's sustained achievements in creating environments that promote student learning and professional development.

Excelsior College is a Title IV eligible educational institution (Federal Code #014251) offering Federal Financial Assistance (Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, and PLUS Loans) to students who qualify in course based programs. Excelsior College accepts students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

