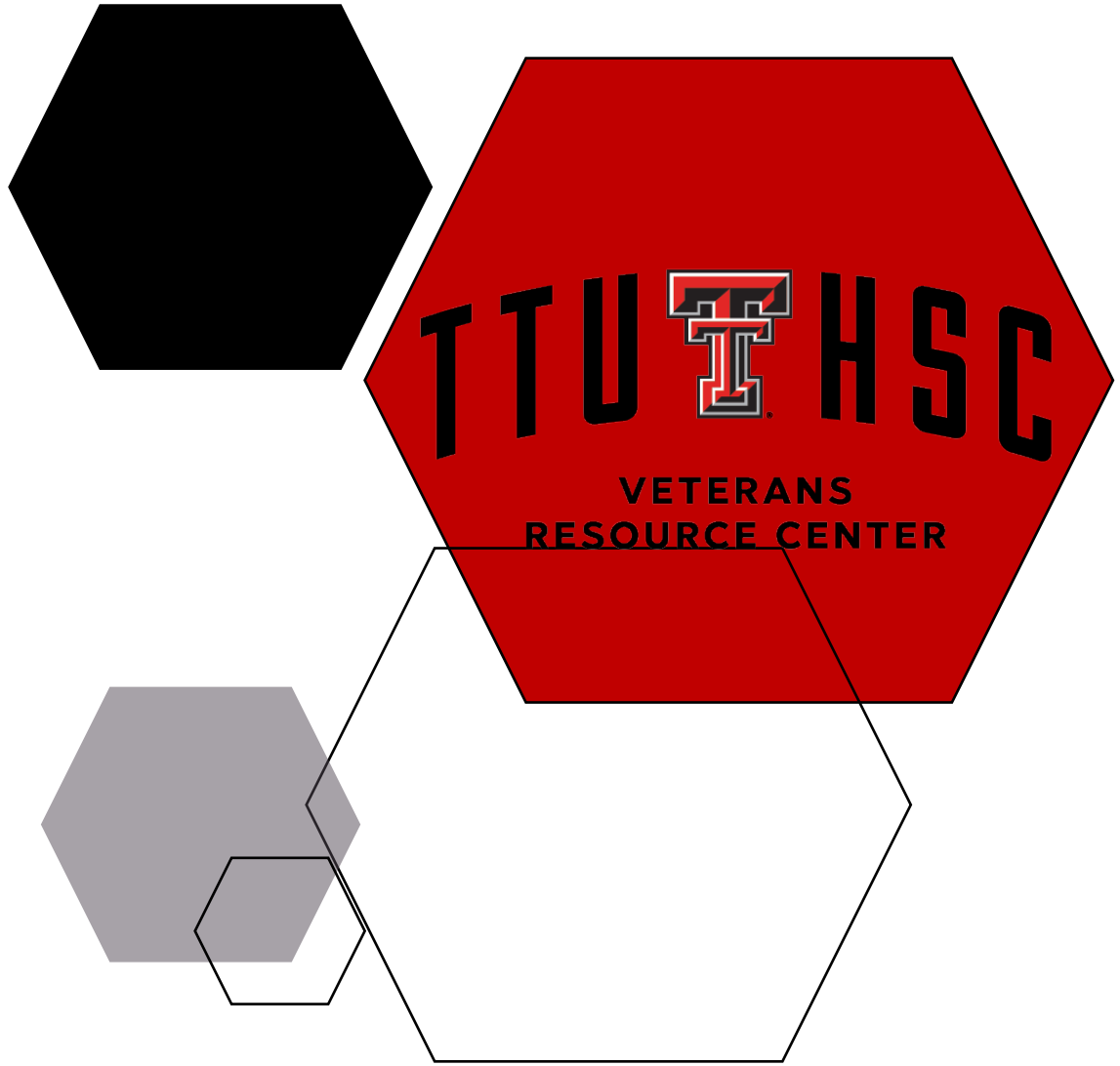


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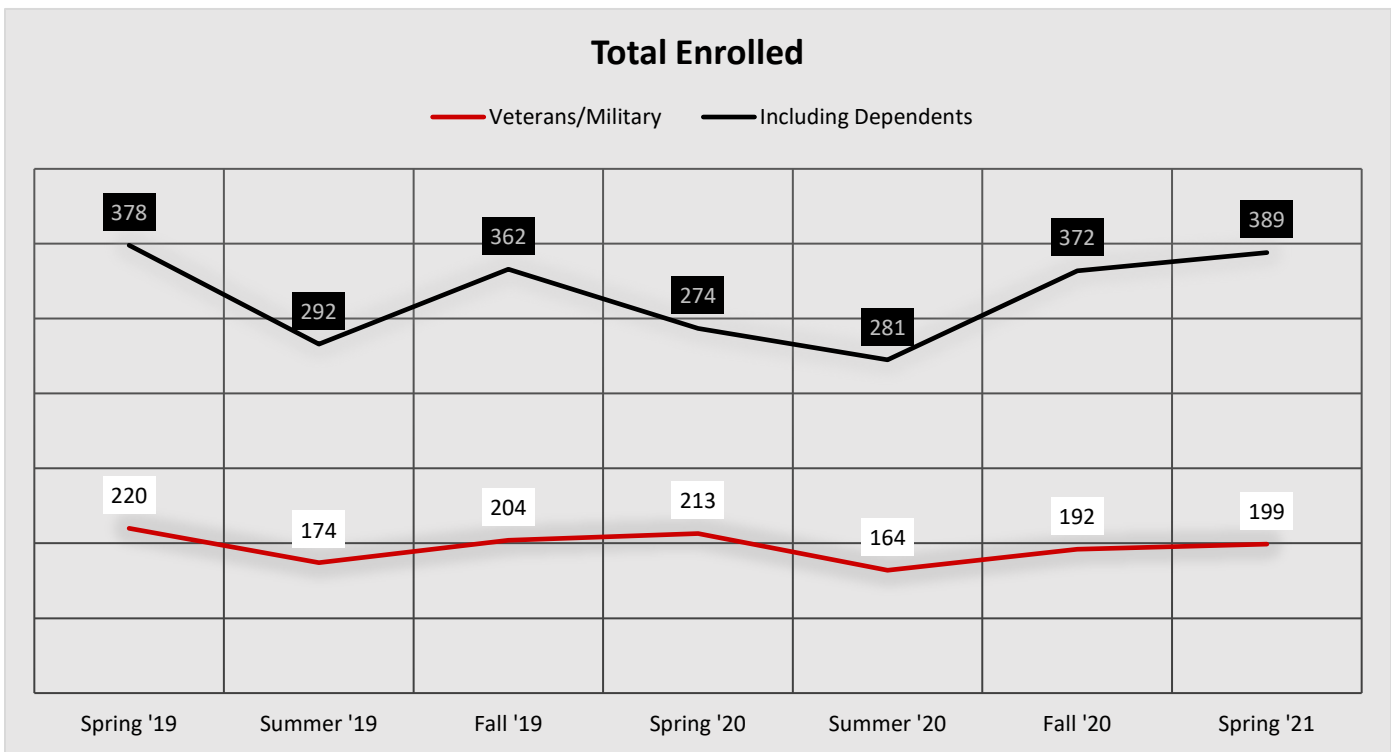
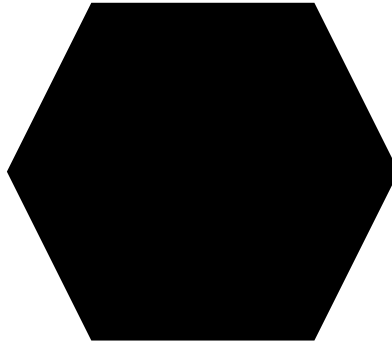
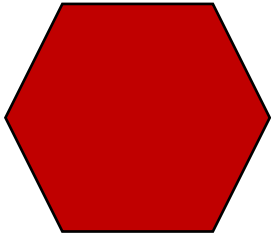
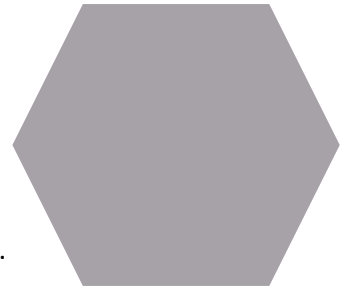
This Spring we continued to collaborate with our colleagues at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), Lubbock Veterans Resource Coordination Group (VRCG), Women Veterans of Lubbock, City of Lubbock Veterans Advisory Committee, TTU Military and Veterans Programs (MVP), Military Friendly® Advisory Council, West Texas Service Officers, U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force Healthcare, HSC Alumni Association, and Texas Tech Military and Veterans Alumni Network (MVN), as well as [Combined Arms/Texas Veterans Network \(TVN\)](#). Please check the [Veterans Resource Center website](#), and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for updates.

# GROWTH CHART

## SPRING 2021 MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENT POPULATION

HSC has 273 students utilizing federal and/or state benefits, 150 of which are veterans or military.

We have 389 military-affiliated students across all of our five schools, with 199 veterans or military.



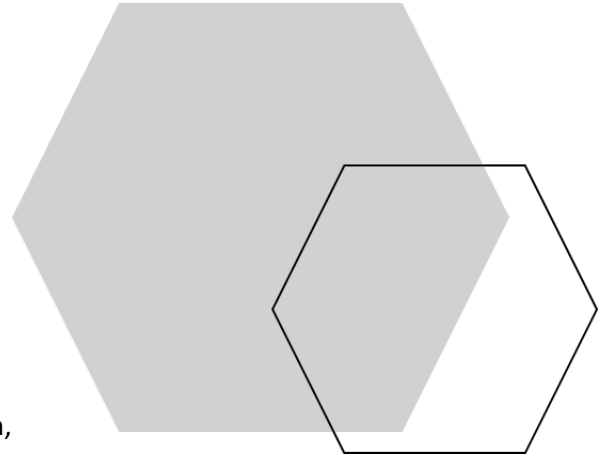
# POST-9/11 GI BILL RECIPIENTS IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS!

## EDITH NOURSE ROGERS STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Don't forget about the VA Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program, which will provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (maximum of \$30,000) to qualifying veterans and Fry Scholars. This program is a provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Forever GI Bill).

Please visit the [VA website](#) for additional information, qualifying fields of study, and the application.

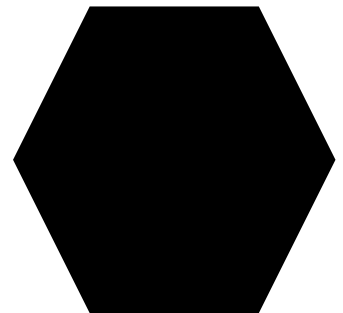
If you are not sure your program qualifies, check out the STEM Designated Degree Program List on the [VA website](#). You will need your HSC Program CIP code, which is on the [HSC website](#).



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## SPECIAL COVID RULES FOR STUDENTS USING VA BENEFITS

With the passage of H.R.8337 – Continuing Appropriates Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act, the Special COVID rules have been extended to December 21, 2021. Among other things, Post-9/11 GI Bill students who pursue resident courses converted to an online modality solely due to COVID-19 will continue to receive the Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) rate for resident training.



# VETERAN-TO-VETERAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Vet-to-Vet Mentorship Program connects student veterans with TTUHSC's veteran faculty, staff, graduate students, and alumni for mentorships. Mentors and students define the goals of their mentorship together. The program focuses on supporting student veterans in their transition through higher education and future civilian careers.

Visit the HSC [Veterans Resource Center website](#) for additional information. We encourage all faculty, staff, current students, and alumni with military service to get involved as mentors!

The program was featured as the article titled, "Boots on the Ground" in the Winter 2021 issue of Pulse magazine and can be viewed here: <https://pulse.ttuhsu.edu/issue/winter-2021/#boots> and the expanded article can be viewed at <https://www.ttuhsu.edu/alumni/pulse/veteran-mentorship-program.aspx>

## VETERANS CAREER SERVICES



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This exciting and developing service encourages all HSC veteran and military students to utilize career services such as resume/cover letter writing/critiquing, interviewing, networking, and financial planning that are available to them both on campus and in their communities. Stay tuned for updates and collaborations.

Please visit the HSC Veterans Resource Center [website](#) for additional information.

## SALUTE

VETERANS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The honor society recognizes and honors the service and scholastic achievements of our veterans. Eligibility criteria is located on the [SALUTE website](#).

If you were a SALUTE member at a previous institution, you can request a transfer to the HSC. Contact the Staff Advisor at [vrc@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:vrc@ttuhsc.edu).



# GREEN ZONE TRAINING

Green Zone Training (GZT) aims to increase awareness and understanding of military culture, and provide resources to assist military-affiliated students, and also proves informative for those working in patient care. In an effort to increase overall military and veteran awareness, GZT is available via ACME to all HSC faculty, staff, and students. Those who complete all six Green Zone Training modules will receive a decal for public display, indicating support for our military-affiliated population. Please see the [Veterans Resource Center website](#) for instructions or reach out to [vrc@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:vrc@ttuhsc.edu) to have training assigned.



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## COMMENCEMENT

### CAMO STOLE

Veterans and military students expecting to graduate Spring 2021 should email [vrc@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:vrc@ttuhsc.edu) to ensure they reserve their camo stole for graduation.

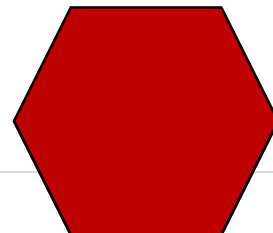
### LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, AND TESTING REIMBURSEMENT

For graduates taking licensing or certification tests, visit the [VA website](#) to learn how you can use part of your GI Bill entitlement to cover the cost of certain tests. Please pay special attention to how your benefit entitlement is charged, especially if you plan to pursue further education.



## VETERAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

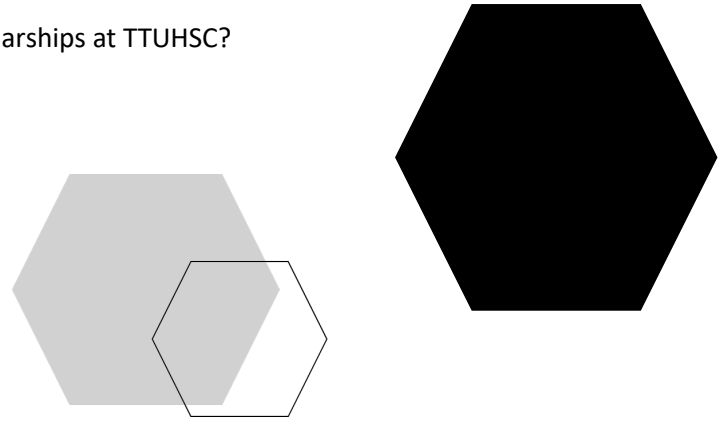
The newly formed Veteran Advisory Committee met this semester for the first time. The TTUHSC Veteran Advisory Committee is made up of HSC faculty, staff, and students committed to the success of student veterans. Members serve as a resource on behalf of their respective departments and provide inputs for programs and services. Veteran Advisory Committee members advocate for veterans on campus and assist in educating the HSC community about veteran issues. Find more information and list of current committee members on the HSC [Veterans Resource Center website](#).



# SCHOLARSHIP

The HSC Veterans Resource Center (VRC), in partnership with the Texas Tech Military and Veteran Alumni Network (MVN), will award one \$500 scholarship for the Summer 2021 term. Student veterans, active duty, reserves, or National Guard members currently enrolled at least half-time and in Good Academic Standing are eligible. Please see other requirements and apply for the scholarship via [Qualtrics](#). The application will be open May 1-May 20. The recipient will be named and contacted by May 28, 2021.

Interested in supporting student veteran and military scholarships at TTUHSC?  
[Make a Gift Today!](#) Thank you for your support.



*We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter.*

*Kind Regards,*

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