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美国功能障碍的退伍军人的康复服务

# VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE US



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**VA**

U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

**Culture**  
of Disability 2023



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# INTRODUCTION

- DPT Graduate of Youngstown State University in 2019
  - Orthopedic Residency at the Northeast Ohio Veterans Affairs
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# OVERVIEW

- Eligibility
- Disability & Compensation
- Health Care
- Employment
- Housing
- Travel
- Addiction
- Crisis



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# ELIGIBILITY

- Active-Duty Service (no time limitation)
- Priority Groups
  - Disability  $\geq 50\%$ , or who are “unemployable” due to their service-connected disability, are placed in Priority Group 1.
  - Disability rated 30 or 40% are placed in Priority Group 2.
  - Disability rated 10 or 20%, or whose discharge from service was for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, are placed in Priority Group 3.
- CHAMPVA



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# DISABILITY & COMPENSATION

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
  - “VA disability compensation (pay) offers a monthly tax-free payment to Veterans who got sick or injured while serving in the military and to Veterans whose service made an existing condition worse. You may qualify for VA disability benefits for physical conditions (like a chronic illness or injury) and mental health conditions (like PTSD) that developed before, during, or after service. Find out how to apply for and manage the Veterans disability benefits you've earned.”



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# HEALTH CARE

- Veterans Health Administration
  - “The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is the largest integrated health care system in the United States, providing care at 1,293 health care facilities, including 171 VA Medical Centers and 1,112 outpatient sites of care of varying complexity (VHA outpatient clinics) to over 9 million Veterans enrolled in the VA health care program.”
- Telehealth
  - Hospital
  - Outpatient
  - Home Care

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Source: <https://www.va.gov/health/aboutvha.asp> and <https://telehealth.va.gov>



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# PHYSICAL THERAPY

Veterans Affairs Services vs Civilian Services

- Outpatient
- Chronic Pain Clinics
- Prosthetics/Equipment
- Insurance and Co-Pays



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# EMPLOYMENT

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Veterans Health Administration
  - Veterans Benefits Administration
  - National Cemetery Administration
- Veterans' Employment and Training Services (VETS)
- Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP)
- Local Veterans Employment Program (LVER)
- Transition Assistance Program (TAP)



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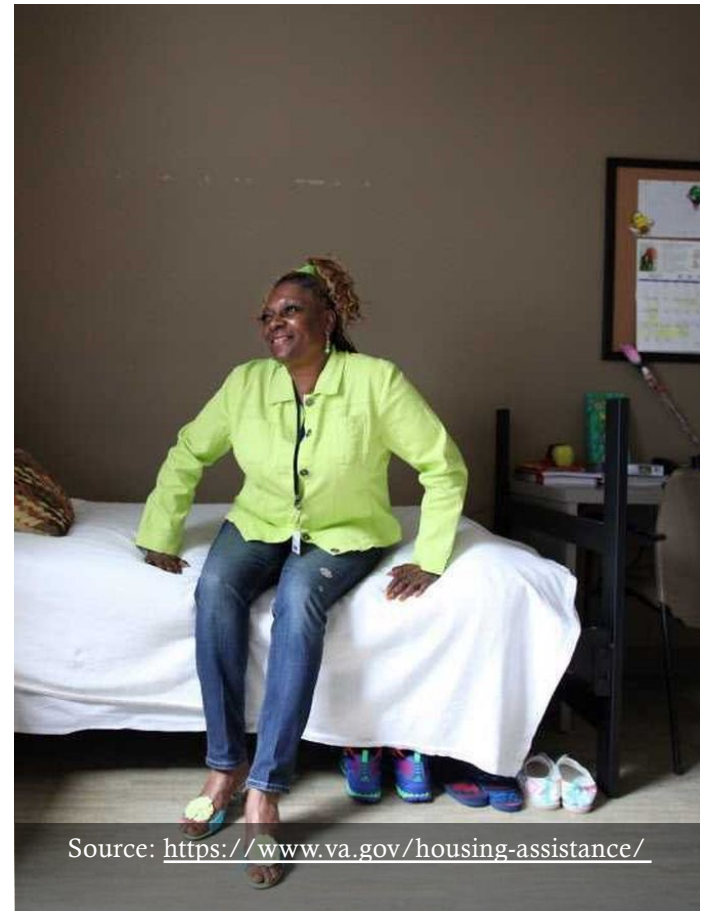
Source: <https://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/veterans-employment-and-training-service.html>



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# HOUSING

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
  - “VA housing assistance can help Veterans, service members, and their surviving spouses to buy a home or refinance a loan. We also offer benefits and services to help you build, improve, or keep your current home.”



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# TRAVEL

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
  - “VA travel pay reimbursement through the Beneficiary Travel program pays Veterans back for mileage and other travel expenses to and from approved health care appointments.”
  - Two Types:
    - **General health care travel:** Regular transportation, like car, plane, train, bus, taxi, or light rail.
    - **Special mode transportation:** Special types of transportation, like an ambulance, ambulette, or wheelchair van.



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Source: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/get-reimbursed-for-travel-pay/>



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# ADDICTION

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Options for Veterans seeking treatment for substance use problems ranging from unhealthy alcohol use to life-threatening addiction.
    - Medically managed detoxification to stop substance use safely
    - Drug substitution therapies and newer medicines to reduce cravings
    - Nicotine replacement or other medicines for stopping tobacco use
    - Counseling and other therapy options:
      - Short-term outpatient counseling
      - Intensive outpatient treatment
      - Marriage and family counseling
      - Special programs for Veterans with specific concerns (like women Veterans, returning combat Veterans, and homeless Veterans)
      - Self-help groups
      - Residential (live-in) care
      - Continuing care and relapse prevention

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Source: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/health-needs-conditions/substance-use-problems/>



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# CRISIS

- NVF Lifeline for Vets – 1-888-777-4443
- VA Suicide Hotline – 1-800-273-8255
- National Suicide Hotline - 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Stop Soldier Suicide - 1-.800-273-8255 #1



Source: <https://nvf.org/veteran-resources/>





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QUESTIONS



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# ORTHOPEDIC RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

- 1-year, full-time physical therapy residency
- Orthopedic based case load in outpatient setting
- Requiring 1 weekend of acute care orthopedic caseload per month
- Curriculum includes readings/home study, observation, education sessions from faculty members, 1-on-1 mentoring, practicing and physical practice of advanced skills





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