OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Office of Veterans Affairs is located in the Financial Aid Office on the Main Campus. This office is responsible for coordinating all services to veterans and their eligible dependents attending classes and receiving benefits.

These services include:
- Certification of enrollment
- Referral for tutorial assistance
- Financial, vocational and academic counseling
- Updates on legislative regulations affecting veterans
- Explanation of Bishop State Community College policies and available community services

ACCREDITATION

Bishop State Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, certificates and short certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call (404) 679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Bishop State Community College.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Alabama State Board of Education through the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education proclaims nondiscriminatory practices in Alabama two-year institutions under the jurisdiction of the Alabama State Board of Education. It is the official policy of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and Bishop State Community College that no persons shall, on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity or employment.

STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE

Financial Aid • (251) 405.7015
Veterans Affairs • (251) 405.7020

BISHOP STATE
MAIN CAMPUS
351 North Broad Street
Mobile, AL 36603

For information, call (251) 407.7015 (local)
1 (800) 523-7235 (in-state long distance)
or visit www.bishop.edu

For Gainful Employment Disclosure login to:
http://www.bishop.edu/gainfulemployment.html

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**Bishop State is Approved as a Training Facility for all GI Bill Programs.**

**HOW TO PROCEED:**

Veterans and eligible dependents expecting to enroll under the educational benefits administered by the VA may obtain application forms from the Office of Veterans Affairs on the Main Campus or apply online at:

www.gibill.va.gov/GI_BILL_info/How-to-Apply

Transfer students and VA returning students need only notify the Office of Veterans Affairs to re-enroll.

A certified copy of your separation papers and DD-214 should be submitted with an application for benefits.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE:**

1. Obtain an Admissions Application online at: www.bishop.edu

2. Visit the Admissions Office at each campus to pick up an Admissions Application in person.

3. Have all previous college transcripts sent to the College for evaluation.

NOTE: The VA will not pay for any repeated courses passed with a grade that will transfer and apply toward your program.

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**GI Bill Programs Now Available**

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**TO ASK VA A QUESTION:**

To verify your remaining GI Bill benefits or to receive help completing your application, call VA toll-free at:

1-888-GI BILL-1  
(1-888-442-4551)

If you are hearing impaired, call toll-free at:  
1-800-829-4833

You can also get education assistance after normal business hours at the education internet site:  
www.gibill.va.gov

All GI Bill processing for Alabama colleges is done by:  
VA Regional Office  
P.O. Box 8888  
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

**ALABAMA GI BILL:**

Dependents of veterans who are rated 20 percent or more disabled and who enlisted as a resident of the State of Alabama may be eligible for the Alabama GI Bill.

Eligibility and applications may be obtained at:

Veterans Affairs Office  
Bay Haas Building  
1150 Government Street  
Mobile, AL 36606  
251-574-8578 phone

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All academic and technical programs offered at Bishop State are VA-approved.