

Taking Full Advantage of Education Benefits



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First thing to remember:

You are interviewing the school as much as the school is interviewing you. You want to find a school that best fits your needs academically, personally, and career wise.



What to Look For

- Accreditation
 - Regional
 - National
 - Programs
- Graduation Rates
 - What percentage of students graduate?
- What happens after graduation?
 - What types of jobs do students who graduate get? What is the average salary?
 - What graduate schools do students go to?
- GI Bill Comparison Tool
 - <https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>
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Types of Schools

- The school you choose needs to fit your interests, career goals, financial situation and other factors. Schools fall into these basic types:
 - Public versus private.
 - Four-year colleges and universities.
 - Two-year community and junior colleges.
 - Career, technical, vocational or trade schools.



What to Avoid

- Schools that have warning flags on the Comparison Tool
- Any school who will try to talk you into registering on the spot.
- Schools that make bigger promises than they deliver

