

Education support for veterans
-every step of the way.
April 2026

College Readiness Assessments | Computer Laptop | Live Online Classes | Transition Assistance | Tutoring Support | Workshops

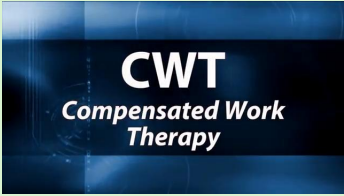
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Meet Michelle Watson




Michelle joined Veterans Upward Bound in the spring of 2022 as the Coordinator of Educational Services and Enrollment. Prior to VUB, Michelle worked with Educational Talent Search and youth Upward Bound Programs at MSU Billings. Michelle enjoys working with students and helping them pursue their academic and career endeavors. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors, going for walks, and working in her garden.

Veteran Resource Shout



Veterans Upward Bound extends its sincere appreciation to the Montana VA Compensated Work Therapy Program for its continued partnership and support. The program provides vocational rehabilitation and employment services to veterans with physical or mental impairments, helping them overcome barriers and achieve sustainable, community-based employment. Thank you Jared, Pam and Sarah for all that you do for Montana's veterans!
<https://www.va.gov/health/cwt/>

Up Coming




Present and former VUB participants may apply for a National Veterans Upward Bound Association scholarship for the 2026–2027 academic year. For more information, contact Michelle Watson at mwatson@vubmt.com or 406-272-6492. *May 15th deadline!*

Need-To-Know

Veterans Upward Bound Laptop Program Update
VUB has recently updated eligibility requirements for the laptop program to better align with grant objectives and ensure compliance. Veterans are eligible if they are pursuing an education or training program or are actively seeking employment. Additional information is available at:
<https://vubmt.com/services/equipment/>

VUB Student Tip



“Hard work doesn’t end when the uniform comes off – It just takes a new direction.”
~Dillon

QUICK TIP

Student Highlight

Dillon is a U.S. Marine veteran currently attending Montana State University Billings City College, where he is pursuing a degree in Nursing. Currently he is finishing his freshman year at City College. Dillon is a current VUB participant and a current student worker in the veterans’ lounge at City College and at the VUB office. In his free time, he enjoys basketball, playing guitar, and going for walks with his family.

Wednesday Workshop Schedule

Veterans Upward Bound conducts monthly open workshops structured in a question-and-answer format. We invite veterans and service providers to participate in these 30–45 minute discussions.
Link: <https://meet.google.com/eoa-czhp-kbv>

- First Wednesday of the month:** How Veterans Upward Bound can help you!
- Third Wednesday of the month:** The college admissions process when you have a past.

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