
PENNWEST EARNS MILITARY FRIENDLY DESIGNATION



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PennWest University has been recognized as a 2026–2027 Military Friendly School, earning a Silver designation in the large public institution category for its commitment to supporting veterans, active-duty service members and their families.

The designation, awarded by Military Friendly, reflects PennWest’s continued efforts to create accessible, flexible and meaningful educational pathways for those who have served. It is the third consecutive year that the university has earned a Military Friendly designation.

“At PennWest, we are proud to support those who have served our country by ensuring their educational goals are within reach,” said Cory Shay, Ph.D., director of Military and Veterans Success. “From flexible learning options to dedicated support services, we are committed to helping military-connected students succeed in the classroom and beyond.”



Military Friendly Schools are evaluated using public data and responses from a comprehensive annual survey. Criteria focus on student retention, graduation outcomes, job placement, affordability and support services specifically designed for military and veteran students. The evaluation process is informed by an independent advisory council of experts in veteran education.

PennWest serves military-connected students across its California, Clarion and Edinboro campuses, as well as through PennWest Global Online. The university offers a range of resources tailored to military and veteran students, including guidance on federal education benefits, credit for prior learning and military experience and personalized academic advising. PennWest is also a chapter of SALUTE, a national honor society for veterans and military students.

The university's flexible academic delivery — including in-person, hybrid and fully online programs — allows students to balance their education with service commitments, careers and family responsibilities.

PennWest's inclusion among Military Friendly® Schools highlights its ongoing commitment to student success, workforce readiness and community impact.

PennWest will be featured in the 2026 Military Friendly Schools issue of *G.I. Jobs*® magazine, and its designation will be listed on MilitaryFriendly.com.

For more information about PennWest's support for military and veteran students, visit <https://www.pennwest.edu/admissions/military-veterans/index.php>.