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Online Course Helps Veterans Navigate College Admissions

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The University has launched an online course, Attaining Higher Education, to help military veterans make the transition to college.

The course is hosted by the nonprofit online-education company edX and is free and open to all. It was created by Columbia's Center for Veteran Transition and Integration (CVTI); the Center for Teaching and Learning, which supports the use of innovative classroom technologies across campus; and the School of General Studies.

Led by a team of instructors with decades of experience in college admissions, financial aid, and support services for veterans entering the University, the new course breaks down the college-application process step by step and helps prospective students decide what kind of higher-education program is right for them. Graduates of the course can apply for follow-up peer coaching and professional advice.

“This course offers reliable information and robust support so that our service members and veterans can navigate the complex transition to college successfully,” says Beth Morgan, director of higher-education transition and partnerships at CVTI.

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