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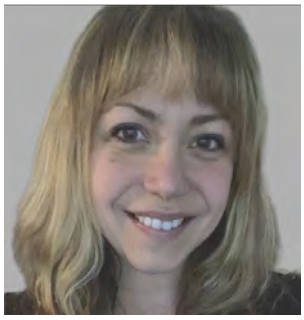
Meet Our Veteran Care Team

"The team has been created to provide specialized advising and coaching support for military-connected students - veterans, spouses of veterans, or dependents of veterans - who plan to enroll or are currently enrolled at Wake Tech."



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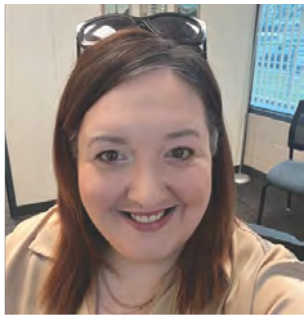

Ashley Wheeler
Success Coach

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Career Coach

To Schedule a Virtual Appointment Scan the QR Code or Click The Link Below:

Click Here to Make a Virtual Appointment with a Member of the Care Team

Veteran Student Resources

Wake Tech provides Veterans Zones on four campuses - dedicated areas where student veterans and their family members can connect in a safe environment and interact in a unique academic and social setting.

Veterans Zone Locations:

- Southern Wake Campus: Building L, Room 133
- Scott Northern Wake Campus: Building C, Room 206
- RTP Campus: Building 2, Room 101D
- Wake Tech East: Building C, Room 148
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (all locations)

Green Zone Program: Look for the Green Zone symbol in Wake Tech offices and on course syllabi - this identifies trained advocates who understand the unique challenges veterans face and are ready to assist with a sympathetic ear. For more information, contact Veterans Services or visit any Veterans Zone location.

For updates, join Discord our and follow our social media pages:

WEAREWAKEVETS

@wearewakevets
Wake Tech Veteran Services

How to Verify Enrollment (Monthly):

- Text (fastest): Opt in when you begin using your benefits to receive monthly VA text verifications.
- Email: Monthly verification messages are sent if you don't opt into texts.
- Online: Verify through the VA's online tool.
- Ask VA: Submit enrollment dates for manual review; payment is processed 5–7 days after VA reviews the request.

To avoid payment delays, students are encouraged to use text or email verification.

Click Link: Veterans Education Benefits

GI Bill® Website: https://gibill.va.gov
VA Education Call Center: 1.888.442.4551
Request Join Service Transcripts: https://jst.doded.mil
Request CCAF Transcripts: https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/barnes/CCAF/

Meet Our Dean

Join us for an opportunity to connect with our Dean and learn more about the Military & Veteran Services resources available to support your academic and personal success at Wake Tech. This is a great chance to ask questions, learn about available support, and engage with our veteran community.

April 15 – RTP Campus (Veteran Zone)
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you there!

April 7th- Priority Registration

Please monitor your student email for additional details and updates. Returning students should remember to complete Form 816: VA Education Benefits Request. The link to this form can be found on the Military & Veteran Services webpage under the *Forms and Resources tab*.

Upcoming Events

April 11 – Open House

Join us to learn more about campus resources, academic programs, and support services available to students.

April 14 – Employment Resources Fair

Connect with employers and explore career opportunities, internships, and workforce resources available to students and veterans.

April 15 – Purple Up! Day

Wear purple to show your support for military dependents and recognize the sacrifices made by military families.

May 8th & 9th - Graduation