Checklist for New VA Students

Complete items 1 thru 3 ASAP to prevent enrollment and financial aid delays.

1. Apply for admissions.
   http://www.nic.edu/admissions/checklist/apply.aspx
   Be sure and mark yes on the question “Are you a veteran.”
   A member 4 copy of your DD214 may be required to establish residency.
   A Certificate of Residency may be required if you are an Idaho resident not living in Kootenai County.

2. Submit transcripts.
   Request official copies of high school and college transcripts.
   Request military training records.
   - Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard: https://jst.doded.mil/official.html

3. Apply for Financial Aid.
   https://www.fafsa.ed.gov
   Typically, this is a 6-8 week process.

4. Schedule appointment with Career Services.
   www.nic.edu/career
   They will help you determine career goal and major (208-769-7821).

5. Schedule COMPASS test.
   http://www.nic.edu/compass
   Once your student id number is received from the Admissions Office, schedule the COMPASS test.
   Test is only required if Math and English have not been previously taken at another college.

6. Apply for Scholarships.
   http://www.nic.edu/websites/default.aspx?dpt=64&pageId=4113
   Also apply thru your MyNIC account under Bookmarks and NIC Foundation Scholarship Application.

7. Apply for GIBill.
   http://www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/default.asp
   If you need assistance determining which GIBill to choose, contact Kecia Siegel at 208-769-3281. The VA generally takes 4 to 6 weeks to process initial applications. Once the application is processed, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility.

8. Schedule appointment with the Veterans Advisor.
   Carl George, Veterans Advisor is located in The Veterans Center, Edminister Student Union Building, Lower Level, Room 004, 208-666-8027.

9. Schedule and attend an Orientation, Advising, and Registration Session.
   http://www.nic.edu/oars

10. Meet with the Veterans Coordinator to complete the GIBill process.
    Kecia Siegel is located in The Registrar’s Office, Lee-Kildow Hall, Room 116, 208-769-3281.