

# VETERANS ONWARD

**VETERANS ONWARD** is a program that empowers **transitioning service members (TSMs)** to address their personal and professional goals as they return to the American civilian community. The research-based Veterans Onward Protocol reduces transition stress for Veterans and their families by providing a soft-landing and reducing the risk of suicide.



## Benefits to the Veteran

The partnership between Austin College and Veterans Onward focuses on a broad range of topics including health, self-in-context, education, career, and reintegration. Veterans Onward will:

- **Focus on the whole person;**
- **Introduce veterans to an institution of higher education;**
- **Award college credit for completed courses;**
- **Provide opportunities for community service;**
- **Provide opportunities for internships with local industries.**

## Here's How You Can Help

The Veterans Onward program introduces TSMs to the community through site visits and panel discussions with members of local industry, government, and nonprofits. These tours and conversations demonstrate how the skills developed in the armed forces are needed and applicable to career fields in Texoma.

We would like to talk about how your organization can be an important part of Veterans Onward tour.

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## Perfect Location in North Texas

Austin College is a four-year, liberal arts college on a beautiful campus in North Texas. In the seat of Grayson County, the College is centrally located between Sheppard Air Force Base, Red River Army Depot, Dyer Air Force Base, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Fort Hood, Macalester Army Ammunition Army Base, Fort Sill, and Altus Air Force Base.

Grayson County has a strong economy, low cost of living, is near the DFW metropolitan area, and close to recreation on Lake Texoma. Sherman-Denison is an excellent location for TSMs to relocate to after discharge.

Austin College is ready to develop and administer the Veterans Onward Protocol that empowers transitioning service members. The planning team includes faculty from academic areas across campus with expertise in faculty development, vocational exploration, relationships, wellness, and leadership development.