“VETeach will be extremely helpful to student veterans pursuing a bachelor’s degree. As a graduate student currently using the Post 9/11 GI Bill, I am racing against a ticking clock to get a master’s degree before my education benefits are exhausted. If I had an expedited degree program at my disposal when I first began college, this may not be the case.”

Lauren M. DelRicci, Veteran, United States Navy
Through your service to your country, you have earned the most generous education benefit package in history in the Post-9/11 GI Bill. As more of our nation’s teachers reach retirement age, fulfilling long-term employment opportunities in the teaching profession are plentiful. The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, a national leader in supporting the student veteran population - now has a program that will put you on the fast track toward earning elementary teacher certification while utilizing the education benefits you have earned. VETeach is designed to maximize the leadership qualities you have gained in the military so that you can put them to work in the education field.

**Stockton provides the following veteran-specific offerings:**
- Veteran’s Lounge
- Generous Transfer-of-Credit Policy
- Active Student Veterans Organization
- Veteran-Specific Orientation and Classes
- Priority Housing for Veterans

**Operation College Promise (OCP)**

is a national education, policy, and research project supporting student veterans and professionals who serve them. Established in 2008 by the NJ Association of State Colleges and Universities, OCP supports the establishment of innovative veteran-specific programs and services on campus to support student veterans in the attainment of their higher education objectives. More information on OCP can be found at www.OperationCollegePromise.com.

**VETeach Curriculum**

This program is cohort-based and the curriculum is specifically designed for the student-veteran to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Elementary (K–5) certification, and select options for Middle School (Grades 6–8) Science, Math, Language Arts/Literacy, and/or Social Studies Specialization(s).

**The curriculum includes:**
- Psychology courses (major) 40 credits*
- Education Cognate courses 24 credits*
- General Studies courses 32 credits*
- Electives and Professional courses 32 credits*
- Four Education Fieldwork placements
- PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II exams as required
- Minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA

*Some specific courses are required

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