New Student Checklist  
Fall 2017

 ✓ Submit a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility to the Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA)
   - In person to 202 Kent Hall
   - Scan/email to veterans@columbia.edu
   - Fax to (212) 854-2818
   - If you don’t have this document – go to the VA’s website: www.va.gov and complete the VONAPP. This will prompt the VA to mail you your Certificate.

 ✓ If you are entitled to receive Yellow Ribbon apply at your school’s Financial Aid Office

 ✓ If you are a transfer student – complete VA Form 22-1995 (Change of Location Form) on the VA’s website: www.va.gov

 ✓ Notify OMVA if you will be on Active Duty when you begin the term (even for one day, including terminal leave)

 ✓ Notify OMVA if you intend to utilize Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment benefits (VR&E)
   You are eligible to apply if you have a disability rating of 20% or greater http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/

 ✓ Complete the Request for Certification online form on the Columbia Veterans Affairs website. You will need to complete this form every term you want to utilize your benefits at Columbia http://sfs.columbia.edu/departments/veterans-service

 ✓ Watch our Orientation video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhPHDFBPNRU

 ✓ Sign up for Direct Deposit with the VA: 1-888-442-4551

 ✓ Sign up for VA health coverage by going to Bronx VA or The Harlem Clinic – you have 5 years after your separation date to do this
   - While you are at the hospital / clinic get your VA ID Card!

 ✓ If you need any dental work – you have 6 months after your separation date to have it covered by VA

Questions? Contact the Office of Military & Veterans Affairs at (212) 854-3161 or veterans@columbia.edu