

Who is eligible for the Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court?

Admission to the Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is not automatic. The VTC Treatment Team, including the prosecutor and the Judge, must all agree that you and your misdemeanor criminal case qualify. If your legal case is approved by the County Attorney, you will then undergo a substance abuse and mental health assessment to determine if this Court is appropriate and will meet your individual needs. The Court has final approval of your eligibility. Your participation in the VTC is strictly voluntary and does involve the payment of certain program fees.

“Successful” completion of the VTC treatment program may result in no jail time and/or the possibility of not having the specific misdemeanor charge on your record.

Who is the Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court Team?

The Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court Team consists of the following representatives:

- Veterans Treatment Court Judge
- Guadalupe County Attorney (Or Assistant County Attorney)
- Defense Attorneys
- County Probation Officers
- Treatment Providers (Veterans Administration and others)
- Volunteer (Military Veterans) Mentors
- County Veterans Treatment Court Staff

How often does the Veterans Treatment Court convene?

Depending upon the phase the participant is in, Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) participants appear before the Judge bimonthly at first. A report of each participant’s progress is prepared and discussed with the Veterans Treatment Court Team prior to each hearing. The Judge and other members of the treatment team are notified of positive and negative drug and alcohol test results, attendance at counseling and education classes and of the results of other VTC participant requirements. The Judge may increase the frequency of drug and/or alcohol testing and/or order increased participation in assigned treatment programs as a requirement to stay enrolled in the VTC. Failure to comply with program requirements may result in the Judge ordering jail time, community service hours or other sanctions including removal from the program and remanding back to the criminal court for non-compliance of VTC program requirements.

The Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court program is a five-phase program that requires participation for a minimum of 12-months and a maximum of 24-months as set by the Court.

PROGRAM PHASE PROGRESSION

Phase I – Stabilization (2-3 months)

Supervision: Intensive supervision with the court/probation officer; random drug/alcohol testing.

Treatment: Psychosocial Assessment/Enrollment and specialized treatment as needed.

Phase II – Treatment (4-6 months)

Supervision: At least one court appearance and two visits each month with probation officer; random home visit; random drug/alcohol testing.

Treatment: Continued treatment as directed; relapse prevention; support groups.

Phase III – Transitional (3-6 Months)

Supervision: at least one court appearance and two visits each month with probation officer; random home visit; random drug/alcohol testing.

Treatment: Continue treatment as directed; relapse prevention; support groups.

Phase IV – Maintenance (3-9 months)

Supervision: At least one court appearance every 60 days; at least one visit with probation officer monthly; random drug/alcohol testing.

Treatment: Treatment completion; monitoring; relapse prevention; support groups.

Phase V – Graduation and Aftercare (up to 180 days)

Supervision: Self-monitoring with voluntary update reporting.

Treatment: Recommend support group participation; possible mentoring opportunities; continued treatment referral provided as requested as a non-program participant.

MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court is to successfully rehabilitate Veterans by diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system and provide them with the tools they need in order to lead a productive and law-abiding lifestyle.”

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court are to achieve positive veteran behavior by providing an intensive set of support referral services including the following:

- Substance abuse referral services
- Mental health referral services
- Academic and/or vocational skills improvement referral services
- Residential/housing referral assistance
- Outpatient and/or transition support
- Job placement and job retention referral services

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