

DeKalb County Veterans' Treatment Court Eligibility Criteria

The DeKalb County Veterans Pretrial Treatment Court developed the veterans' court eligibility criteria in compliance with IC 33-23-16-13(3). The veterans' court eligibility are as follows:

Eligibility for Veteran's Court

1. Any offender who has served in the Armed Forces and received an Honorable or General discharge. Any offender who served in the National Guard or Reserves with service in a foreign war or conflict, and received an Honorable or General discharge.
2. Referrals must meet clinical criteria for Substance Use Disorder, Mental Health Disorders (including but not limited to PTSD, depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder), and/or traumatic brain injuries.
3. Any felony, misdemeanor, or probation violation will be considered, unless excluded on the list below, if there is a nexus between the offense and the participant's military service.

Offenses not Eligible for Veterans' Court

1. No Level 1 or 2 felonies, or A felonies.
2. No forcible offenses. A forcible offense is an offense that involves the use or threat of force with a weapon against another human being, or in which there is imminent danger of bodily injury to a human being. No current or past sex offenses.
3. The referred veteran cannot have pending charges in another jurisdiction unless the client can take action to have the pending charges in another county disposed of within a reasonable amount of time of the referral to veterans' court. Furthermore, the veteran may not have any open warrants.
4. The referred veteran cannot have current probation or parole supervision in another jurisdiction unless the client can take action to have the pending case in another county disposed of within a reasonable amount of time of the referral to veterans' court..

Other factors taken into consideration are:

- Willingness and motivation to comply with court ordered treatment services
- Ability to physically participate in treatment activities (within guidelines of the American Disabilities Act)
- Risk and need level based upon the Indiana Risk Assessment System (IRAS)
- Must meet clinical criteria for substance abuse or dependence
- Willingness to pay restitution within time frame of program