

## Veterans Affairs

The Financial Aid/Veterans office acts as liaison to the Veterans Administration and assists veterans and their dependents in reaching their educational goals. Below are the current programs available to eligible veterans, service persons and dependents seeking assistance for education. Active duty personnel are reimbursed only for actual tuition and fees.

### **Post-9/11 G.I. Bill® (Chapter 33)**

To be eligible, a student must have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, and still be on active duty, honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty for further service in a reserve component. A student may also be eligible if they were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability and served 30 continuous days after Sept. 10, 2001. [www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/](http://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/)

### **Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR& E Chapter 31)**

For service members and veterans with service-connected disabilities  
[www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/](http://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/)

### **Information for students using Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® benefits (Chapter 33) or Veteran Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31)**

A student using Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® benefits or Veteran Readiness and Employment and Employment benefits may enroll and attend courses and access campus facilities while the campus awaits payment for tuition and fees from the VA. While waiting for receipt of funds from the VA, Allan Hancock College will not charge or otherwise penalize Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® and Veteran Readiness and Employment students.

For eligibility consideration, a Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® student must submit a VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or Post -911 GI Bill® Enrollment/Entitlement Status:

[www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/about/feature?feature=post-911-gi-bill-enrollment-status](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/about/feature?feature=post-911-gi-bill-enrollment-status).

The veteran's VR&E counselor will electronically provide a VAF 28-1905 to the School Certifying Official.

Additional information requested by the School Certifying Official to certify enrollment to the VA:

- DD-214 (Veteran student only, member 4 copy)
- Official prior college and military transcripts
- Student Education Plan (SEP) prepared by an academic counselor

For more information regarding this policy, contact the School Certifying Official.

G.I. Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Additional information regarding education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill).

### **Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30)**

The Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD) can help students pay for education and training programs. Students who served at least two years on active duty, can find out if they qualify for the MGIB-AD program.

[www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/](http://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/)

### **Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR/Formerly Chapter 1606)**

The Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) program offers up to 36 months of education and training benefits. Students who are a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard, may be eligible for this benefit.

[www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-selected-reserve/](http://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-selected-reserve/)

### **Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP/Formerly Chapter 1607)**

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) ended on November 25, 2015, but under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2016, some REAP benefits will remain in place for 3 more years. Learn more about what this change means [www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/reap/](http://www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/reap/)

### **Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)**

Students may be able to continue their education by using part of their military pay to help cover the cost of school. [www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/veap/](http://www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/veap/)

### **VA Education Benefits for Survivors and Dependents Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA/Chapter 35)**

Students who are a dependent, spouse, or child—or the surviving spouse or child—of a veteran, you may qualify for Chapter 35 benefits or job training through a GI Bill program.

Additional information requested by the School Certifying Official to certify enrollment to the VA:

- DD-214 (Veteran student only, member 4 copy)
- Official prior college and military transcripts
- Student Education Plan (SEP) prepared by an academic counselor

[www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/](http://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/)

### **Fry Scholarship**

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship), a scholarship for children and dependents of veterans. If student's parent or spouse was an active-duty service member who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001, they may qualify for this benefit. [www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/](http://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/)

### **Edith Nourse Rogers Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Scholarship**

The Rogers STEM Scholarship will provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (to a maximum of \$30,000) to qualifying veterans and Fry Scholars seeking an undergraduate STEM degree or who have earned a STEM degree and are seeking a teaching certification. [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/fgjb/stem.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/fgjb/stem.asp)

### **Cal Vet College Fee Waiver**

The College Fee Waiver for Veteran Dependents benefit waives mandatory system-wide tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus. This program does not cover the expense of books, parking, or room and board.

Students must meet the California residency requirements as determined by the college: [www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx](http://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx)

### **Academic Requirements**

All VA recipients are required to maintain satisfactory progress toward their educational objective and a minimum grade point average of 2.00 (C) for each period of enrollment. A separate Veterans' Bulletin outlining standards of progress and attendance is available to all veterans. It is essential that all recipients are thoroughly familiar with these federally mandated standards.

Evaluation is required to allow credit for prior training, including college, military, and correspondence school. Military evaluations may be obtained free for those who have entered service since Oct. 1, 1981.

All students must have an approved Student Education Plan (SEP) prepared by a counselor no later than the end of the first period of enrollment. Entering students who have earned 24 or more units will not be certified for VA assistance until the course requirement list is prepared. All transcripts and military evaluations must be on file prior to this counseling. VA policy prohibits payment for any course not required for graduation in the student's stated objective.

Further information for benefits may be obtained from the Financial Aid/Veterans office 805-922-6966 ext. 3200, Student Services, bldg. A, Santa Maria campus; the Lompoc Valley Center, and Vandenberg SFB center; or at the Santa Barbara County Veterans Service Offices: [www.cacvso.org/santa-barbara-county-office/](http://www.cacvso.org/santa-barbara-county-office/) or the San Luis Obispo County Veterans Service Office: [www.cacvso.org/san-luis-obispo-county-office/](http://www.cacvso.org/san-luis-obispo-county-office/).