

# SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE VETERAN ONLINE ORIENTATION



FOR FIRST TIME STUDENTS USING EDUCATION  
BENEFITS

# STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT

- ▶ 1: APPLICATION Apply to City College via <http://studentweb.sdccd.edu>. Submit prior transcripts, including Military transcripts, for evaluation.
- ▶ 2: RESIDENCY/FINANCIAL AID Check your Residency and Priority Registration status with Admissions in L-111 or call (619)388-3475. Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA.

# STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT

- ▶ 3: ORIENTAION Complete the City College New Student Orientation.
- ▶ 4: ASSESSMENT Call to sign up for English and Math assessment testing with the Assessment Center (619)388-3998. You must complete the City College New Student Orientation beforehand. Students with prior college may be exempt from assessments.

# STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT

- ▶ 5: EDUCATION PLAN Complete an Education plan. To schedule an appointment, call the City College VA office (619)388-3504 or City College Counseling (619)388-3540.
- ▶ 6: ENROLLMENT Register and Pay for classes. Submit the required documents to the City College VA Office in L-107.

\*DD-214

\*Certificate of Eligibility

\*Statement of Understanding

\*Semester Worksheet

\*Unofficial Transcripts

\*VA Orientation Certificate

\*Education Plan



# UNIT REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ During Fall and Spring 16–week semesters:
  - 12 Units or more for full–time status.
  - Minimum 7 units required to receive partial BAH.
- ▶ During Summer 8–week semester:
  - 6 units or more for full–time status.
  - Minimum 3 units required to receive partial BAH.

# EDUCATION BENEFITS CHAPTERS

- ▶ Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill)
  - Up to 36 months of education benefits
  - Reimbursement of mandatory fees, monthly housing allowance (based on location and units), book and supply stipend
- ▶ Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill)
  - Up to 36 months of education benefits
  - A monthly stipend (based on units)
- ▶ Chapter 31 (Voc Rehab)
  - Up to 48 months of education benefits
  - Vocational/personal counseling, education & training, financial aid, job assistance

# EDUCATION BENEFITS CHAPTERS

- ▶ Chapter 1606 & 1607 Benefits (Reservists)
  - Up to 36 months of education benefits
  - A monthly stipend (based on units)
- ▶ Chapter 35 Benefits (Dependents)
  - Up to 45 months of educational benefits
  - A monthly stipend (based on units)

# HOW TO CHANGE YOUR MAJOR

- ▶ Make an appointment with a counselor (through VA office or Counseling).
- ▶ Receive a signed Permanent Education Plan and turn in a copy to the College's VA office.

\*Only change your major at the beginning or end of semester



# STEPS FOR ATTENDING A COLLEGE OTHER THAN CITY, MESA, or MIRAMAR

1. Get a Parent Letter from City College's VA office.
2. Submit a Parent Letter to the Guest School.
3. Your Guest School will certify your classes to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
4. Upon completion of classes, you must submit a transcript to City College within 30 days. Failure to do so will delay further enrollment certifications.

# COURSES THAT ARE NOT BENEFIT PAYABLE

- ▶ Courses that do not apply to your counselor-approved Education Plan
- ▶ Year-long classes
- ▶ Online remedial Classes (e.g. Math 34/38/46; English 42/43/48/49)
- ▶ PE, Dance activity, or Health classes (unless using chapter 35 or if required for your major)
- ▶ Personal Growth classes (unless used as an elective)

# REQUIRED FOR EACH SEMESTER

- ▶ If you want to utilize your benefits for a semester, you **MUST** complete a Semester Worksheet and submit it to the City College VA office. There are no exceptions.

\*You must have a signed Permanent Education Plan on file with the City College VA office by the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

# IMPORTANT NOTES

- ▶ All students **MUST** pay tuition and fees at the time of registration.
- ▶ You may be required to repay the Department of Veteran Affairs for any NP (No Pass) grade earned.
- ▶ If you stop attending classes without officially dropping/withdrawing you may receive a debt letter from the Department of Veteran Affairs requesting a repayment of funds.
- ▶ Failure to take the proper courses may result in an overpayment and the reduction or termination of benefits. The veteran or dependent assumes full liability for any overpayment of all Department of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits.
- ▶ Taking only online and/or hybrid classes(considered online by the VA) will result in a partial monthly housing allowance

# ASSESSMENT

- ▶ You are required to complete the following assessment as proof of your completion of this orientation.
- ▶ You must turn in a paper copy of your VA Orientation assessment with a passing score to the City College VA office before you can be certified.

[Click here for VA Orientation assessment](#)