WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE’S MANDATORY VETERAN ONLINE ORIENTATION

FOR FIRST TIME VETERAN STUDENTS USING THE GI BILL
What do I Need to Know?

**STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT**

- Apply to City College via [http://studentweb.sdccd.edu](http://studentweb.sdccd.edu)
- Verify your Residency Status *(619-388-3475)*.
- Submit all transcripts from previous colleges including: DD214, Active Duty training: SMARTS, AARTS, College of the Air Force or Coast Guard CLEP, DANTES, IB, AP.
- Request evaluation of transcripts *(619-388-3466)*.
- Apply for financial aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Submit your Certificate of Eligibility to the college VA office
- Complete the SDCCD assessment for math & english
- You must attend City College’s on campus New Student Orientation in order to receive your first semester/ temporary education plan.
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UNITS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR EDUCATIONAL & TRAINING ALLOWANCE

Units required each Fall and Spring:

- 12 units or more (full allowance)
- 9 - 11 1/2 units (three-fourths allowance)
- 6 - 8 1/2 units (one-half allowance)

Chapter 33 students will **NOT** receive a housing allowance if enrolled in less than 7 units in the Fall & Spring
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Chapter 33 Benefits:
- Up to 15 years from the date of discharge/separation
- Reimbursement of college mandatory fees, a monthly housing allowance, a stipend for books and supplies

Chapter 30 Benefits:
- Up to 36 months of education benefits
- A monthly stipend (based on approved units)

Chapter 31 Benefits:
- Up to 48 months, but can be extended in certain instances
- Vocational/personal counseling, education & training, financial aid, job assistance

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Chapter 1606 & 1607 Benefits:
- Up to 36 months of education benefits
- A monthly stipend (based on approved units)

Chapter 30 Benefits:
- Up to 36 months of education benefits
- A monthly stipend (based on approved units)

Chapter 35 Benefits:
- Up to total of 45 months of educational benefits
- A monthly stipend (based on approved units)
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VRAP:
Eligibility:
► At least 35 years of age and no older than 60
► Unemployed
► Honorably discharged
► Not eligible for any other VA education benefit
► Not in receipt of VA compensation due to un-employability
► Not enrolled in a federal or state job training program
► Student must be enrolled full-time to receive VRAP

VRAP Benefits:
► Up to 12 months of education benefits
► A monthly stipend (based on approved units)

Benefits Comparison Tools
http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/benefits_resources/benefit_comparison_tools.html
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HOW TO CHANGE YOUR MAJOR

- Make a one hour appointment with a counselor
- Complete a “Change of Program” form in the College’s VA Office
- Change your major only at the beginning or end of the semester
ATTENDING A COLLEGE OTHER THAN CITY, MESA, MIRAMAR

- Your classes from the “other college”, must be signed off by a City counselor.
- Submit a “parent letter” to your “other college”.
- Your “other college” will certify your classes to Dept of Veterans Affairs.
- Upon completion you must submit a transcript to City College within 30 days.

*Failure to submit official transcripts will delay further VA enrollment certifications.*
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COURSES THAT ARE NON BENEFIT PAYABLE

- Courses that do not apply to your counselor approved ed plan
- Year Long classes
- **Online** remedial math & English Classes
- PE, Dance activity and Health classes (unless using chapter 35 or required for your major (e.g. kinesiology)
- If all classes are taken online your benefits **will** be reduced
- Personal Growth classes (unless used as an elective)

If you stop attending classes without officially dropping/withdrawing you may receive a “debt letter” from the DVA requesting a repayment of funds.
What do I Need to Know?

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU EACH SEMESTER

- **Must** submit a worksheet each semester to the college’s VA office
- **Must** have my class schedule signed off by a counselor
- **Must** have an **official** education plan on file at City College

If you don’t have an official education plan on file **before** the beginning of your 2nd semester, the college veterans affairs office will not certify your classes to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
IMPORTANT TAKE NOTE:

You will be required to repay the Dept of Veterans Affairs for any F grade or D grade earned, that does not count towards your GPA.

You will be required to repay the Dept of Veterans Affairs for any NP grade (No Pass) earned.
All students **MUST** pay tuition and fees at the time of registration.

Failure to take the proper courses will result in an overpayment and the reduction or termination of benefits. The veteran or dependent assumes full liability for any overpayment of all DVA Education Benefits.

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 college’s VA Office before you can be certified.

[Click here for VA Orientation assessment](#)