

SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE VETERAN ONLINE ORIENTATION



FOR FIRST TIME STUDENTS USING
EDUCATION BENEFITS

STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT

- ▶ **1. APPLICATION:** Apply to City College online at www.sdcity.edu, click on “Apply for Admissions”
- ▶ **2. RESIDENCY/FINANCIAL AID:** Check your Residency and Priority Registration status with Admissions in A-241 or call (619)388-3475.
- ▶ Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA. San Diego City College–school code 001273
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa>

STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT

- ▶ **3. ORIENTAION:** Complete the City College New Student Orientation.

<http://www.studentpathway.com/SDCity/>

- *Log in as a student with your 10 digit Student ID Number*
- ▶ **4. EDUCATION PLAN:** Complete an Education plan. To schedule an appointment call City College Counseling (619)388-3540 or visit them in A-366.



STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT

- ▶ **6. ENROLLMENT:** Register for classes. Submit all required documents to the City College VA Office in A-241.
- ▶ Students using **Post 9/11 (CH.33)** and **Vocational Rehabilitation (CH.31)**, make sure you sign the Deferment Contract to waive your tuition and fees.
- ▶ Students using **DEA (CH.35)** or **Reserve GI Bill (CH.1606/1607)** must pay for tuition and fees before submitting paperwork.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

- ▶ Official transcripts, including Military transcripts, must be submitted for evaluation.
- ▶ Once all transcripts are received, request evaluation at Evaluations (A-301, 619-388-3466). **All transcripts must be on file and evaluated before you are certified for your 2nd semester.**
- ▶ Send transcripts to:
San Diego Community College District
3375 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Chapter 33

- Certificate of Eligibility
- DD-214 Member Copy #4
- City College VA Orientation Certificate
- Education Plan
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Semester Worksheet
- Statement of Understanding
- Deferment Contract

Chapter 33 (Transfer)

- Certificate of Transfer Eligibility
- City College VA Orientation Certificate
- Education Plan
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Semester Worksheet
- Statement of Understanding
- Deferment Contract

Chapter 31

- VA Form 1905
- City College VA Orientation Certificate
- Education Plan
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Semester Worksheet
- Statement of Understanding
- Deferment Contract

Chapter 35

- Certificate of Transfer Eligibility
- City College VA Orientation Certificate
- Education Plan
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Semester Worksheet
- Statement of Understanding

Chapter 1606/1607

- Certificate of Eligibility
- DD-214 Member Copy #4
- City College VA Orientation Certificate
- Education Plan
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Semester Worksheet
- Statement of Understanding

UNIT REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ During Fall and Spring 16–week term:
 - 12 Units or more for full–time status.
 - Minimum of 7 units is 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 36 months of educational benefits
 - A monthly stipend (based on units)

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR MAJOR

- ▶ Make an appointment with a counselor (through Counseling).
- ▶ Receive a signed Academic Advisement 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 38/46; English 47A)
- ▶ 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 Academic Advisement filed with the City College VA office by the 2nd semester.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- ▶ Students using Post 9/11 (CH.33) or Vocational Rehabilitation (CH.31) are no longer required to pay for tuition and fees upfront.
 - Students will be responsible for paying any outstanding enrollment fees not covered by VA education benefits. A hold will be placed on students account and will not be able to register for classes in subsequent semesters until balance is paid in full.
- ▶ 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](#)