

VETERAN STUDENT INFORMATION

Cerro Coso Community College maintains a full-time program of Veterans' services to assist veteran students and their dependents. The staff of the Counseling Office and Veterans Affairs representative at the IWV campus and at the Centers work with veterans and their dependents in claiming and receiving the educational benefits to which they are entitled.

What you need to know ...

CHAPTER 30

Montgomery GI Bill

- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units to receive benefits beyond tuition reimbursement
- No restriction on location of class*

*All units can be taken online

CHAPTER 33

Post 9/11 GI Bill

- Students meeting eligibility requirements qualify for payment of Basic Housing Allowance (BAH), book stipend and tuition
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 7 units to receive housing allowance

*Still eligible for tuition reimbursement and book stipend if less than 7 units

- BAH awards depend on current enrollment. See VA Rep. for details.

CHAPTER 35

Dependents Educational Assistance

- Veteran parent of dependent student must be either deceased or 100% disabled for student to qualify
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units to receive benefits beyond tuition reimbursement
- No restriction on location of classes

*All units can be taken online

6-8 units half-time
9-11 units ¾ time
12+ units full-time

NOTE: Short-term classes will impact funding-see a counselor/educational advisor for more information

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHAPTERS 31, 1606, OR 1607
SEE VA REPRESENTATIVE**

What you need to do ...

- Meet or speak with our campus VA Representative, to discuss the best option for you. **Bring Certificate of Eligibility.**
- Meet with a counselor to discuss your career/educational goals and the best way to achieve those goals. **A copy of any transcripts you have (both military and those from other colleges), required by the second meeting with a counselor/educational advisor.**
- Meet with a counselor/educational advisor **EVERY SEMESTER** to complete a VA Program Approval.
- Notify your counselor/advisor of **ANY CHANGES** to schedule-VA must be notified of changes in schedule **EVERY SEMESTER** or student may owe money back.

This information is specifically designed to assist students in registration and is not in any way meant to advise students of which chapter is best for them.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

CCCC VA Representative
760-384-6291

HELPFUL LINKS

US Department of Veterans Affairs
www.gibill.va.gov

www.military.com

www.ebenefits.va.gov

Muskogee
888-442-4551
*Dial 1 then 0 to speak with a representative

REQUEST CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Determine processing standing/status of payment

CERRO COSO COUNSELING
760-384-6219
counsel@cerrocoso.edu



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Matriculation Checklist

Matriculation is a process consisting of a set of policies and procedures designed to bring Cerro Coso Community College and its students into a partnership. The purpose of this agreement is the realization of your educational and career goals. This checklist is provided to you, as a new Veteran student, to help guide you through the process of becoming a Cerro Coso Community College student and reaching your educational and career goals.



APPLICATIONS/ADMISSIONS

I have completed the Cerro Coso application on-line at www.cerrocoso.edu/studentservices/admissions. I have completed the online application to receive benefits at www.GIBill.va.gov and made an appointment with the VA Representative to review my Certificate of Eligibility and benefit information.



ASSESSMENT TESTS/TRANSCRIPTS

I have completed the Writing, Reading, and Math College Placement Tests. I have contacted any previously attended college and/or the appropriate military division to obtain copies of my military and educational transcripts. The college must have official copies of your transcripts by the beginning of your second semester.



ORIENTATION

I have completed the Orientation online by going to: www.cerrocoso.edu/studentservices/counseling/orientation.



COUNSELING, ADVISEMENT AND PROGRAM APPROVAL

I have met with an advisor/counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP) for my first semester at Cerro Coso Community College. The SEP is based on my own education/career goals. I will update my SEP and complete a VA Program Approval PRIOR TO EACH SEMESTER with a counselor/advisor to verify the courses I am taking are meeting my educational/career goal.



FINANCIAL AID (OPTIONAL)

I have completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.



PRIORITY REGISTRATION

I know that based on my Veteran status, I am eligible for Priority Registration and must contact the counseling department to have my registration appointment changed to allow the earliest registration date ensuring my registration in appropriate classes to reach my goal. I have completed my registration either online or in person at the Admissions and Records Office.



PAY FEES

I understand that if I receive benefits for any Chapter other than 33, I must pay my fees within ten (10) days of registering for classes (unless I have a fee waiver) or I will be dropped for non-payment.



ATTEND CLASSES

I will go to all of my classes on the first day that they meet and be on time. I will login to my online class the first day. I understand that if I do not show up or login on the first day, I will be dropped from my classes.



FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENT (EACH SEMESTER)

I will schedule a meeting each semester with an advisor/counselor to discuss my progress and further develop my SEP to coincide with meeting my education/career goals. I will notify my counselor/advisor of ANY changes to my schedule EACH semester so that the VA may be notified appropriately. Failure to do so may result in my having to pay money back to the VA.