



Veterans and Service Members Veterans Center Military Service connected Benefit programs

The San Diego Community College District offers benefit programs connected with military service that lead toward obtaining a certificate, an associate degree, or transfer to a four-year institution. The Veterans Affairs Office staff provides counseling and guidance to veterans and assists them in the selection of educational programs for which their VA benefits qualify them for. The final responsibility resides with the student to monitor the process of qualification of educational benefits. Each Veteran must read, understand, and comply with the many rules, regulations, and procedures that influence the benefit process.

Failure to take the proper classes can result in an overpayment and the reduction or termination of benefits.

Disabled Veterans

Veterans who qualify for educational benefits as disabled veterans may be entitled to additional educational benefits. Veterans with disabilities are encouraged to pursue services offered through the campus Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) office. For more information see the Veterans Affairs Office on campus.

Veterans should visit the Veterans Administration Regional Office, 8810 Rio San Diego Dr., San Diego, CA 92108, to determine their eligibility for disabled status (Telephone: 1-800-827-1000).

Veteran Dependent Exemption

Children and spouses of U.S. Veterans with service connected disabilities may be eligible for waiver of college fees and/or for a small monthly payment. For more information see the Veterans Affairs Office or the Cal Vet website: <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx>

Liability

The Veteran assumes full liability for any overpayment of VA benefits. All persons receiving educational benefits must report to the Veterans Affairs Office after enrollment, **every semester**, to continue their benefits. **In addition, a Student Educational Plan (SEP) must be on file by the end of the first semester**; otherwise, certification of VA benefits will be delayed for the second semester. This plan must be developed and reviewed by a counselor.

Number of Units Required

For students enrolled in a degree program under CH: 30, 31, 35, 1606/1607, the following number of units are required each semester to qualify for educational and training allowance:

12 units or more	full allowance
9 -11.5 units	three-fourths allowance
6 - 8.5 units	one-half allowance
2 - 5.5 units	one-quarter allowance*

*Chapters 32 and 106 only. All other chapters, tuition and fees only

Short-term and summer session courses are computed proportionately for payment purposes.

Withdrawal/Change of Classes

Veterans are required to notify the campus Veterans Affairs Office when they stop attending a class, withdraw from the college, or add/ drop a class. Such changes should be reported immediately after completing the add/drop procedure through their online student portal. Failure to comply with this regulation will be grounds for decertification of VA benefits.

Veterans Academic Progress

A Veteran student on Academic probation status will be disqualified when their grade point average (GPA) falls below 2.0 the subsequent semester. A Veteran student on *Lack of Progress* probation status will be disqualified if they do not complete over 60% of attempted units in the subsequent semester. The College Veterans Affairs Office is required to notify the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) of this status. The DVA will terminate benefits unless it can be shown that the student is pursuing an appropriate objective and has a reasonable chance for success in the chosen program. Please contact the Veterans Affairs Office for more information.

Repeated Classes

Veterans may not receive benefits for a repeat of a course in which a grade of "A", "B", "C", "D" or "P" has already been earned. Although District policy allows a student to repeat a course in which a "D" grade has been received; the course may be certified for benefits only if this catalog states that a grade of "C" or better in that course is required to earn a degree or meet a prerequisite.

Work Experience

Veterans may be approved for Work Experience classes only if work experience is required in their major or if they have electives available according to their educational plan.

Transcripts

All official transcripts of prior college work and military schools, including copies of form DD214, DD2685, Joint Services Transcript, or Smart Transcript covering all periods of military service, **must be on file in the Records Office by the end of the first semester of attendance at this college.** Certification for benefits for the second semester will be withheld if transcripts are not received. Visit the Veterans Affairs Office for necessary forms.