

GETTING STARTED USING GI BILL BENEFITS AT CERRITOS COLLEGE AS A NEW STUDENT

Apply to Cerritos College: www.opencccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=811

Meet with an academic counselor for your educational plan (Ed Plan).

- All courses must be on your Ed Plan in order to be certified under your GI Bill benefits.
- Schedule an appointment with an academic counselor:
www.cerritos.edu/va/contact-your-va-counselor.htm

Provide official college transcripts directly to Admissions and Records: admissions-info@cerritos.edu

- Students will need a copy of transcripts before scheduling a counselor meeting. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable for counseling meetings, but all students are required to turn in official transcripts from all other schools attended to Cerritos College.
- If you have not attended any other colleges, you will need a copy of your high school transcripts.

Provide a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the VA

- This is for GI Bill Chapters 30, 33, 35, & 1606 only.
- Chapter 31 students do not need to provide a COE.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

- Provide PO authorization number from your vocational rehabilitation (Voc Rehab) counselor
- Email your PO number, with Cerritos College as the authorized school, to the school certifying official (SCO), Theresa Torres (ttorres@cerritos.edu).

Provide a copy of your Member-4 DD214 (prior service members only)

- Ensures your eligibility for priority registration as a student veteran.
- This also gives you transferable military credit on your transcripts.
- For veterans that are still Active-Duty, without a DD214, provide us with a copy of your CAC ID and Student Number to place you in the Veteran Priority Group for enrollment purposes.

Request to be certified using your GI Bill Benefits: www.cerritos.edu/va/contact.htm.

- Be sure to have completed previous steps listed before requesting to be certified.
- Students can request certification only after officially enrolled in courses listed on the student's Ed Plan.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SERVICE MEMBER AND DEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**CalVet College Fee Waiver**

- Turn in your college fee waiver letter directly to the Financial Aid Department at Cerritos College through email (finaid@cerritos.edu).
- For more information about the CalVet College Fee Waiver, please visit:
<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx>

Military Tuition Assistance Program

- Only Active-Duty service members are eligible.
- Each service member must go through their own command's administration or Educational Services Officer (ESO) to determine eligibility prior to enrolling at Cerritos College.
- For more information, please visit: <https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/education/TU.pdf>

Cerritos College is participating institution in the Federal Principles of Excellence program committed to providing information to service members, veterans, and other military-connected students about the financial cost and quality of educational institutions to assist those prospective students in making choices about how to use their Federal educational benefits; prevent abusive and deceptive recruiting practices, including high-pressure recruitment tactics such as making multiple unsolicited contacts (3 or more) that target the recipients of Federal military and veterans educational benefits; and ensure that educational institutions provide high-quality academic and student support services.

For any further questions or assistance, email vrc@cerritos.edu