



Veteran & Military Students

Thank you for your service to our country. Whether you're a veteran, or still serving on active duty, or a member of the Guard or Reserve, we want you and your family to feel welcome at East Central College. We are ready to offer assistance in achieving your educational goals.



APPLY FOR BENEFITS

Apply for benefits:

- www.vets.gov
- Visit your nearest VA regional office to apply in person
- Call 1-888-GI BILL®-1 (888-442-4551) to have the application mailed to you

It takes 2—8 weeks for an application to be processed. Once the application is processed, you will receive a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** in the mail. A copy of the COE must be turned in to the School Certifying Official (SCO) at your school along with the following:

- DD-214 (Member 4 Copy) Copies can be requested online, by mail or by fax @ <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/> Chapter 35 & students using Transfer of Benefits are excluded
- Military Transcripts (See instructions below) Chapter 35 & students using Transfer of Benefits are excluded

PAYMENTS

Chapter 33:

- Tuition paid to school
- Monthly BAH paid to student
- Books & supplies stipend paid to student @ the beginning of the term

Chapters 30, 35, 1606, & 1607

- Monthly benefits paid to student
- DOES NOT pay tuition
- DOES NOT pay books & supplies stipend

MILITARY TRANSCRIPTS

Military transcripts provide a description of military schooling and work history in civilian language. College credit can be awarded for military advancement and training.

To request a copy of your transcript(s) to be sent to East Central College, please visit the appropriate website.

Joint Services Transcript (JST)
<https://jst.doded.mil>

Community College of the Air Force Online Transcript Requests
www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp

MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE

State Tuition Assistance is available to Army and Air National Guard members and pays for tuition only. Applications must be received prior to the 30th day of classes. Students are required to maintain a cumulative 2.50 GPA for continued eligibility.

Federal Tuition Assistance is available to both National Guard and Reservist. Student must request TA through www.GoArmyEd.com up to 60 days prior to the class start date and no later than the class start date each semester.

VERIFY ATTENDANCE

You need to verify your attendance every month before payment is issued if you are attending an Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) or Non-College Degree (NCD) program and are receiving one of the following:

Montgomery GI Bill ® - Active Duty **Montgomery GI Bill ®- Selected Reserve** **Reserve Educational Assistance Program - REAP**

You **DO NOT** need to verify your attendance if you are receiving the Post 9/11 GI Bill ®

Verification may be completed via:

Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) @ www.gibill.va.gov/wave ® Interactive Voice Response (IVR) at 1-877-823-2379
Or by calling a GI Bill ® representative at 1-888-442-4551

The earliest you can verify your enrollment is the last calendar day of each month or the last day of term

BASIC ENROLLMENT INFO

- The VA does **NOT** pay for **ONLINE REMEDIAL** classes
- The VA does **NOT** pay for students to retake a class they have already passed
- The VA will **NOT** pay for classes that are not part of a student's degree plan
- Students who take **ALL ONLINE** classes (including web-blended & web-hybrid) will only be paid **50%** of the BAH
- Chapters 30, 1606, and 1607 **MUST** report attendance each month to the VA in order to receive payment.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

If you add or drop classes, enroll in classes outside of your degree plan, repeat classes, enroll in short-term/non-standard term classes, these changes are required to be reported to the VA.

CHANGES IN ENROLLMENT CAN RESULT IN AN OVERPAYMENT THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE VA.

Veteran Education Call Center

1-888-442-4551

Debt Management Center:

1-800-827-0648

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