

Veteran Student Benefits: Quick-Reference Tables

Use these tables to prepare for enrollment, learn about educational benefit programs, and find the forms and contacts you need. Select the links for detailed instructions.

New to the VRC? Students seeking VRC services must complete the applicable VRC intake process before scheduling VRC educational counseling. Students using VA educational benefits should have their Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or applicable benefit authorization documentation ready for intake. If you use Chapter 31 or military Tuition Assistance and are unsure which document to submit, contact the VRC first.

1. Getting Started

Steps for new veteran and dependent students

Step	What to do	What to know
1. Apply to college	Apply to Moorpark College and activate your MyVCCCD portal.	Follow the instructions in your college acceptance email.
2. Apply for financial aid	Complete the FAFSA to explore grants and other aid.	FAFSA is separate from your VA benefit application. Apply even if you plan to use VA benefits.
3. Apply for VA benefits	Apply through the VA if using VA educational benefits. Obtain your COE or applicable authorization.	Chapter 31 students coordinate with their assigned VA VR&E Counselor; their authorization process differs from the GI Bill® COE process.
4. Complete VRC intake	Submit the Veteran Student Intake Form and required benefit documentation.	Complete intake before scheduling VRC counseling or using VRC services. Contact the VRC about documentation for non-GI Bill benefit programs.
5. Submit transcripts	Send applicable military and prior-college transcripts to Admissions & Records; request credit evaluation when needed.	See the transcript table below.
6. Meet with a VRC Counselor	Develop a comprehensive education plan, then register for classes on your plan.	The VRC reviews whether courses satisfy your program and applicable VA certification requirements.
7. Request certification	After registering for all classes, submit the MC GI Authorization Form if required for your benefit program.	Do this last. Chapter 31 and CalVet students should follow the program-specific instructions provided by the VRC.

2. Compare Educational Benefit Programs

Program overview (individual eligibility and payment amounts vary)

Program	Who it serves	Potential benefits	Next step
Chapter 31: Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)	Veterans or service members approved by the VA for VR&E services.	Approved tuition and fees, required books and supplies, and a subsistence allowance as applicable to the VA-approved plan.	Review VR&E information and coordinate authorizations with your VA VR&E Counselor and the VRC.
Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill®	Eligible veterans, service members, and approved transferees.	Eligible tuition and fees, a books-and-supplies stipend, and a monthly housing allowance if eligible.	Review Chapter 33 and provide your COE during VRC intake.
Chapter 35: Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)	Eligible spouses and children of qualifying veterans or service members.	Monthly educational assistance paid to the student, according to eligible enrollment; it is not a Chapter 33 housing allowance.	Review dependent benefits and provide your COE during VRC intake.
CalVet College Fee Waiver	Eligible dependents of qualifying veterans under the applicable waiver plan.	Waiver of qualifying tuition and mandatory systemwide fees at California public institutions; does not itself pay housing or books.	Review CalVet ; apply through a County Veterans Service Office.

3. Documents by Benefit Program

What to prepare for the VRC and the college

Program	Documents or forms	Important distinction
Chapter 31 (VR&E)	VRC intake documentation and VA VR&E approval or applicable authorization; education plan and registration information.	A VA VR&E Counselor sends electronic authorization through Tungsten. Separate authorizations are needed for tuition/fees and books/supplies. Ask the VRC which college certification request form applies.
Chapter 33	COE or applicable eligibility documentation; Veteran Student Intake Form; education plan; MC GI Authorization Form after registering.	The COE documents VA benefit eligibility; the MC GI Authorization Form requests college enrollment certification.
Chapter 35	COE or applicable eligibility documentation; Veteran Student Intake Form; education plan; MC GI Authorization Form after registering.	Chapter 35 generally pays monthly educational assistance to the student rather than Chapter 33 housing and tuition payments.
CalVet College Fee Waiver	County approval or award letter; VRC CalVet Fee Waiver Intake Form .	The county processes the waiver application. The VRC intake form is separate and does not replace county approval or the college's award-letter submission process.

4. Military and College Transcripts

Prior learning documentation		
Your prior coursework	What to submit	Where or how
Military training from a JST-eligible service	Official Joint Services Transcript (JST).	Request through JST for delivery to Moorpark College Admissions & Records.
Air Force coursework	Official Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript, as applicable.	Request through the CCAF transcript process.
Coursework at other colleges	Official transcripts from previously attended institutions.	Send to Moorpark College Admissions & Records.
Military and/or outside-college credits needing evaluation	Transcript Evaluation Request Form , if applicable.	Request evaluation of credit toward your program; follow VRC or Admissions & Records instructions.

5. Continuing Student Checklist

What to do each semester		
Task	Action	Why it matters
Review your education plan	Meet with a VRC Counselor before registration each semester.	Confirms that your intended courses align with your approved program.
Register	Enroll in the courses on your education plan; confirm that you are registered, not just waitlisted or in a shopping cart.	Waitlisted and shopping-cart courses are not completed enrollments.
Request certification	Submit the MC GI Authorization Form after registration if your benefit program uses this form.	Enrollment certification is a separate process from class registration.
Report schedule changes	Contact the VRC before adding, dropping, or withdrawing from a class whenever possible.	Changes can affect your education plan, certification, and benefit payments.
Verify enrollment	Complete VA enrollment verification if required for your program.	Some VA benefit payments depend on required verification.

6. Changes to Your Schedule

Check with the VRC before making changes

If you plan to...	What to do	Possible impact
Add a course	Ask your VRC Counselor whether it belongs on your education plan; tell the VRC once enrolled.	May require an updated education plan or certification.
Drop or withdraw from a course	Contact the VRC before making the change whenever possible.	May reduce benefits or create a VA overpayment or debt.
Change your major or program	Meet with a VRC Counselor and, if applicable, your VA VR&E Counselor.	Your academic plan or approved benefit authorization may need revision.
Take a course at another school	Ask the VRC about a parent-school authorization before registering elsewhere.	Only eligible courses that apply to your approved program may be certified.

7. Chapter 31 (VR&E): Authorization Process

How Chapter 31 educational benefits are coordinated

Stage	What happens	Your next step
Apply and receive approval	The VA determines VR&E entitlement and assigns a VR&E Counselor.	Review VR&E and work with your assigned counselor.
Complete VRC intake	The VRC collects applicable benefit documentation before VRC counseling.	Contact the VRC if you have a VR&E authorization rather than a standard GI Bill COE.
Develop your plans	Your Moorpark education plan and VA-approved rehabilitation plan must align.	Meet with the VRC Counselor and coordinate with your VA VR&E Counselor.
Receive separate authorizations	Your VA VR&E Counselor sends the required Tungsten authorizations for tuition & fees and books & supplies to the appropriate recipients.	Ask the VRC to confirm that required authorizations have been received before relying on approved funding.
Register and coordinate certification	After enrollment and the required college/VA documentation are in place, the college coordinates applicable certification and authorized-expense billing.	Register for approved courses and follow the VRC's Chapter 31 certification instructions.
Continue each term	Authorizations may have term or date limits; plan changes may require new approval.	Review your schedule and any upcoming authorization expiration with your VA VR&E Counselor and the VRC.

8. Where to Get Help

Student support and program contacts		
Office or resource	How they help	Contact
Moorpark College Veterans Resource Center	VRC intake, educational counseling appointments, and benefit certification support.	805-553-4106 mcvetdesk01@vcccd.edu
Moorpark College Admissions & Records	Admissions, registration, transcript receipt, and residency questions.	Admissions & Records webpage
Moorpark College Financial Aid Office	FAFSA, grants, and other college financial aid.	Financial Aid webpage
VA Education Call Center	VA benefit application, eligibility, and payment questions.	888-442-4551 Ask VA
Ventura County Veterans Service Office	County processing of CalVet College Fee Waiver applications.	Ventura County College Fee Waiver Program

Important Note: The MC GI Authorization Form requirement for Chapter 31 students and any alternative intake documentation for students who do not receive a standard COE should be confirmed with the VRC. These tables provide general information; the VA and applicable county office determine individual benefit eligibility.

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