

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Student Development/Veteran Services – A131

**ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST
FOR DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS**

Finalize Admissions:

- Finalize your admissions and financial aid applications (FAFSA/TAP/Stafford Loan)

Readmit/Transfer Students who previously received GI Bill:

- File a 1995 or 5495 form in A131 to restart benefits.

First time applicants for GI Bill benefits or changing benefit chapters:

- File an application to start up or change benefit chapters for GI Bill: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>. Save a copy.
- Submit copy of the application and VA certificate of eligibility, along with the veteran's VA File #/SSN to A131.

File Financial Aid applications (every academic year):

- FAFSA/TAP/Loan Applications.

Also file TAP supplement (www.hesc.com) if you qualify for additional TAP funding (Military Service Recognition Scholarship, Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans). The combined TAP and Ch 33 tuition benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition.

Register for classes and pay bill:

- Submit class schedule to A131 every semester.
- Pay bill by due date using **finalized** financial aid and/or tuition benefit programs.

Helpful Websites:

NCCC	niagaracc.suny.edu
VA	GIBILL.va.gov
GI Bill application	vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp
New GI Bill calculator	NEWGIBILL.org
Military.com	military.com
DD214/Military Records	archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/
Military OneSource	militaryonesource.com

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IMPORTANT GI BILL *DEPENDENT* INFORMATION

Welcome to NCCC.

VA DEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

CH 35 Dependents' Education Assistance Program
TEB Transfer of Educational Benefits (Ch 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill)

TUITION PAYMENT: Be prepared to pay tuition with finalized financial aid, cash/check/charge, or our payment plan; if you are receiving VA tuition benefits (Ch 33), please submit your certificate of eligibility to the Veteran Services Office to request tuition deferment.

INFORMATION / RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Monthly checks are mailed at the beginning of each month for the prior month; checks for books & supplies are sent directly to the individual.
- Enroll for courses required for your degree; additional courses may not qualify for benefits.
- Courses that run less than the full term may affect your benefits. Consult with the NCCC Veterans Services counselor upon registering for mod or late start courses.
- Repeating a passed course may not count toward training time.
- Transfer students must submit transcripts from other colleges immediately upon admission to NCCC.
- Submit a copy of your course schedule to A131 immediately after registering *each* term.
- Notify Veteran Services (A131) of any changes to your schedule within five days: ADD/DROP, Change of Curriculum, or Withdrawal.
- Chapter 33 requires enrollment greater than half time (generally 7 credits) to receive the housing allowance. Taking **all web** courses will reduce housing allowance significantly.
- Attendance and satisfactory progress are required to maintain eligibility for GI Bill benefits. Non-attendance and non-progress grades are likely to result in an overpayment. Consult with a counselor if experiencing difficulty completing coursework.
- Contact the VA Regional Processing Office or refer to the VA website for more information on benefit eligibility.

VA Regional Processing Office
PO Box 4616/130 S. Elmwood Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14240-4616
1-888-442-4551
www.GIBILL.va.gov
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