

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
IMPORTANT GI BILL® BENEFIT INFORMATION FOR VETERANS

Welcome to NCCC and Thank You For Serving.

VA EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

CH 1606 Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve
CH 31 Vocational Rehabilitation for disabled veterans
-(see separate handout)

CH 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill –Aggregate Active Duty since 9/11/01
CH 30 Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty since 7/1/85

TUITION PAYMENT: Be prepared to pay tuition with finalized financial aid, tuition assistance, cash/check/charge, or our payment plan; the payment plan fee will be waived for veterans. If you are eligible for VA tuition benefits (CH 33 or CH 31), you must submit documentation of your benefit to the Veteran Services Office to defer your bill.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Active Duty and Reserve/National Guard soldiers who expect to receive military tuition assistance should consult with the educational liaison at respective units to determine eligibility. The Cashier's Office requires official documentation to defer tuition payment.

DEPLOYMENT: In the event of deployment or activation, please contact our office with a copy of your orders to discuss options to delete/withdraw from courses without penalty and readmission.

VETERAN INFORMATION/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Monthly checks are issued at the beginning of each month for the prior month; Ch33 books & supplies stipends 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.
- Submit all transcripts from military or other colleges to our Admissions Office promptly upon admission to NCCC.
- Submit a copy of your course schedule to B103 immediately after registering *each* term.
- Notify Veteran Services (B103) of any changes to your schedule within five days: ADD/DROP, Change of Curriculum, or Withdrawal.
- Chapters 1606 & 30 require verification of enrollment beginning the last day of each month. After you receive your award letter, you may access verification at <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/> (WAVE system) or by calling 1-877-823-2378.
- 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
benefits.va.gov/gibill/
fax: 716-551-3241

NCCC Veteran Services
B103
716-614-6283
veteranssvcs@niagaracc.suny.edu
www.niagaracc.suny.edu
fax: 716-614-6820

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Veteran Services – B103

CHECKLIST FOR VETERANS

Finalize admissions:

- Admissions application.
- Official transcripts from military or transfer schools to Admissions.

Readmit/Transfer students who previously received GI Bill®:

- File a VA Form 22-1995 to restart benefits www.vets.gov/education/apply/

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

- File an application to start up or change benefit chapters for GI Bill (VA Form 22-1990) www.vets.gov/education/apply/ Print the confirmation page.
- Submit a copy of the confirmation page, VA Certificate of Eligibility or eBenefits Education page, DD214 (active duty) or NOBE (Reservists/NG) to NCCC Veteran Services (B103).

File Financial Aid applications (every academic year):

- FAFSA/TAP/Stafford Loan applications.

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

Register for classes and pay bill:

- Submit class schedule to Veteran Services (B103) every semester.
- Pay bill by due date using **finalized** financial aid and/or tuition assistance.

Helpful Websites:

NCCC	niagaracc.suny.edu
VA Education	benefits.va.gov/gibill/
GI Bill® application	www.vets.gov/education/apply/
Military.com	military.com
Returning Service Members (OEF/OIF)	oefoif.va.gov
DD214/Military Records	archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/
Military OneSource	militaryonesource.com
Military Transcripts (<i>Joint Services Transcript for Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard</i>)	https://jst.doded.mil
Military Transcripts (<i>Air Force</i>)	http://www.au.af.mil/au/barnes/ccaf/transcripts.asp

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