Veterans Educational Benefits

Citrus College is approved as a degree-granting institution for veterans and eligible dependents seeking educational and/or vocational training under Title 38, United States Code. Students attending Citrus College under Title 38, Chapters 30, 31, 33, 35, 1606, 1607 and California veterans are invited and urged to take advantage of the guidance, service and educational training offered by Citrus College. Returned service personnel are aided in securing the assistance necessary to realize their educational and career goals. Citrus College cooperates with the Veterans Administration and with the California State Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation in helping veterans.

Application Procedures for Veterans Benefits

1. Apply for admission to Citrus College.

2. Request official transcripts of all previous college or university work, including transcripts from non-accredited schools and military service credits, be forwarded to Citrus College.

   Evaluation of transcripts from accredited colleges and universities, nonaccredited schools and military service credits will be performed within the first two terms of enrollment and college credit will be awarded as applicable.

3. Make an appointment with a Citrus College veterans counselor to develop a Student Educational Plan (SEP), 626-914-8530.

4. Complete the application for VA educational benefits (VA form 22-1990) and submit member copy 4 of the DD214.

5. Selected Reserve and National Guard personnel must submit a Notice of Basic Eligibility (VA form DD-2384). Your reserve or guard unit will issue this form.

6. Fill out an Intent Form at the Veterans Center every semester you want to receive VA benefits.

7. Turn in all the VA educational benefits paperwork to the mentor at the desk in the Veteran Center, HH 756-758.

The VA has a new program for veterans who are at least 35 but not over 60 years old, have exhausted other veterans’ benefits and are unemployed on the date of application. There is a yearly cap on the amount of applications accepted, so time is of the essence.

A veteran applying to the college as a new student will be advised of the benefits available to veterans on campus, will receive an information sheet explaining VA regulations pertaining to education while at Citrus College and will be informed of responsibilities concerning the acceptance of benefits under the G.I. Bill. Widows and dependent children of deceased or disabled veterans are also eligible for VA benefits and should contact the Veterans Center concerning proper procedure.

**Important:** Your application for VA benefits will not be accepted until all college transcripts have been received and all the above procedures have been completed.

**Priority Registration for Active Duty Military and Veterans.** If you are currently in the military, or were discharged within the past four years, you are eligible for priority registration. An active duty military ID card or DD 214 are required for verification.

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**Veterans Orientation**

Citrus College’s annual Veterans Orientation provided the college’s student veterans, including 60 new students, with information on academic programs and services. In addition, the Veterans Administration’s Mobile Health Unit was on hand to provide services such as registering for health care benefits, processing claim forms and conducting medical screenings. The VA’s presence at the college saved student veterans an estimated 238 hours of time in enrolling for benefits.

U.S. Representative Grace Napolitano of the 38th Congressional District visited Citrus College to attend the Veterans Orientation. She commended the student veterans for their service, encouraged them to pursue their education and utilize the services available to returning veterans.

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