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VETERANS BENEFITS

Thank you for your service to our country. We are honored to serve you.

VA EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill

- Yellow Ribbon Program

Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty

Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve

Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment

Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance Program

Veteran enrollment status is measured by the number of credit hours taken during a sixteen or eight week session. See below.

Status	16 Week Session	8 Week Session
Full-time	12 or more hours	6 or more hours
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	9 – 11 hours	4 – 5 hours
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	6 – 8 hours	3 hours

MILITARY CREDIT

Credit toward graduation may be granted to a veteran for certain armed forces military service experiences. If a student has completed Basic Military Training and has been honorably separated, or currently serving, the student may obtain seven (7) semester hours of credit.

See the VA Representative at the college of your choice for further information.

OUR VETERANS OFFICE CAN

- Help student veterans start and continue educational benefits
- Offer assistance with completing and filing VA forms
- Provide information on student services available at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

VETERANS CAN ENJOY THESE FREE SERVICES

- Academic counseling
- Illinois Eastern Community Colleges libraries - members of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) and are I-Share Libraries
- Learning Skills Center tutorial services
- Career Services

VETERAN STUDENT CHECKLIST

- ✓ Apply to the college of your choice
- ✓ Schedule an appointment with the Veteran's Representative and an academic advisor at the college of your choice
- ✓ Request official transcripts from all previously attended colleges to be sent to the college you plan to attend
- ✓ Take COMPASS placement test
- ✓ Submit FAFSA to determine financial aid eligibility
- ✓ Notify Veteran's Representative of any changes to your schedule while attending

VETERAN WEB SITE LINKS

Request Military Records

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

Request Military Transcripts

<https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signin.do>

GI Bill

www.gibill.va.gov

e-Benefits

www.ebenefits.va.gov

Web Automated Verification of Enrollment

www.gibill.va.gov/wave

Illinois Veterans Grant

<https://studentportal.isac.org>

Illinois National Guard Grant

<https://studentportal.isac.org>

MIA/POW Scholarship

www.illinois.gov/veterans

FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

GI Bill Educational Assistance

1-888-442-4551

Veterans Administration Hotline

1-800-827-1000

Change Direct Deposit Information

1-877-838-2778

Monthly Verification (WAVE)

1-877-823-2378

Change of Address

1-888-442-4551

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 (press 1)

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1-800-829-4833

