

Veteran's Education Benefits

Central Christian College of Kansas (CCC)

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences [residential programs]

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WEBSITE: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> (Click on the "Submit a Question" button in the right column of the page. You will be asked to create an account in order to submit your question in writing.)

Responsibilities

Student	CCC	VA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apply for benefits ▪ Submit all required documents to CCC ▪ Communicate with the VA ▪ Communicate with the School Certifying Official at CCC* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Send enrollment certifications to the VA ▪ Report to the VA any change in the student's enrollment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inform the student of his/her eligibility and amount of benefits ▪ Pay the student's benefits

**This is exceptionally important.*

Required Documents

(Must be received by School Certifying Official before start of class)

Type of Benefit	VA Benefits Status	Required Document(s)
ALL TYPES	NOT approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acknowledgement of Risk form* ▪ Screenshot or automatic confirmation email that the application for benefits has been submitted
Post 9/11 (33) M. GI Bill (30) REAP (1607) DEA (35) VEAP (32)	Approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of Eligibility or screenshot from eBenefits account showing available education benefits*
GI Bill: Selected Reserve (1606)	Approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)*
Voc Rehab (31)	Approved	"Authorization and Certification of Entrance...into Rehabilitation..." (28-1905) signed by Voc Rehab case manager/counselor

***NOTE:** If you have used your education benefits before attending CCC, you **MUST** electronically submit to the VA form 22-1995 "Change of Program or Place of Training" to transfer the benefits to CCC.

Average Time to Approval/Finalization of Benefits

If applying for benefits for the first time: 1 – 2 months

If requesting transfer of benefits to CCC: 1 – 2 weeks

Shopping Sheet

The “shopping sheet” is a standard document that lists cost information and can make it easier for students to compare schools. Shopping sheets are available upon request from the Financial Aid Office.

Payment of Benefits

The VA will send out payments *no earlier* than 2 weeks before the start of each semester.

It is expected that students will have a plan in place to cover **100%** of tuition, fees, and room/board costs. Although with 100% Post 9/11 eligibility, a check is sent directly to the school that will cover 100% of tuition and eligible fees, no VA benefit *on its own* will cover the complete cost of attending a residential program and living on campus. To make up the difference, you will be expected to apply for federal Financial Aid and/or contact the CCC Business Office to create a monthly payment plan.

Tuition and Fees Payable under Post 9/11

Only tuition charges and certain fees are payable under the Post 9/11 (chapter 33) benefit. Per the VA, any scholarships or grants that are specifically designated for tuition must be subtracted off the amount reported. **Unless otherwise noted, all CCC scholarships and grants are specifically designated for tuition.** Payment for tuition and fees is sent directly to the school.

Charge/Fee	Payable under Post 9/11 benefit?
Audit Fee	No (<i>the VA does not pay for audited courses</i>)
Aviation – Private Flying	Yes (<i>subject to maximum tuition cap for private colleges and Yellow Ribbon program requirements</i>)
Credit for prior learning assessment fee	No
Course fees	Yes (<i>only if charged to all students enrolled</i>)
Deposit	No
Directed study/internship/practicum	Yes
Early/late examination	No
E-Portfolio fee	Yes (<i>if required by major</i>)
Exam credit assessment fee (AP, CLEP, etc.)	No
Fit Four Fee (general fee)	Yes
Graduation fee	Yes
ID Replacement	No
Late changes in registration (after Add/Drop date)	No
Retake fee	No
Room and Board	No [The Post 9/11 benefit includes a separate monthly housing allowance that is paid directly to students attending classes at more than half-time. Students are encouraged to use this money for its intended purpose.]
Student health insurance plan	No
Transcript (official)	No
Tuition	Yes
Vehicle permit	No
Withdrawal fee	No

Withdrawals

If you are expecting to withdraw, contact your School Certifying Official as soon as possible.

CCC will submit the date you withdrew to the VA. Depending on the timing and nature of your withdrawal, **you may still owe CCC for courses you have attended**, whether or not the VA will pay for it. To find out how much you might owe, please contact the CCC Financial Aid office. You will also need to contact the VA to find out how the withdrawal will specifically affect your benefits.

If Using Post 9/11 Benefits: If tuition charges are prorated as a result of the withdrawal, excess VA funds will exist on your account. Any credit left on your account, including excess VA funds, will be returned to you after the withdraw process is complete. **Keep in mind that the VA will be asking you to return the excess funds to them.** Act accordingly.

If you are called up for active duty or extended active duty training and your deployment causes you to withdraw from CCC and charges are incurred as a result of your withdrawal, CCC will forgive those charges to honor your service (charges incurred prior to the withdrawal will still need to be satisfied). This includes the waiver of the Withdraw Fee and the refund of Tuition and Fees for courses not attended. This policy does not apply to students who withdraw for any other reason.

Courses Taken at a Secondary School (Transfer Credits)

If you are planning to take courses at another school, either during or after attending CCC, intending to transfer them back to complete your degree, please contact your School Certifying Official (SCO) as soon as possible. The courses will need to be pre-approved for transfer and you will receive a letter to give to the SCO at the secondary school, confirming that the courses will transfer to CCC and will count towards your degree. This will authorize the secondary SCO to certify your enrollment.

Frequently Asked Questions

What benefits am I eligible for? / How much will my benefits be?

School Certifying Officials cannot answer this question. You will need to contact the VA.

Do you offer the Yellow Ribbon program?

Yes, CCC is a participant in the Yellow Ribbon program. For students eligible for 100% Post 9/11 benefits, it covers the balance of tuition beyond the VA's tuition cap for private colleges. CCC covers half the balance in the form of an institutional grant and the VA covers the other half. Students receiving a scholarship or grant from CCC will likely never meet the tuition cap and, so, will not need to use this program.

Didn't the VA tell you _____?

No. The **only** notification the VA sends to schools is a monthly report of benefits paid. If something has changed, please let your School Certifying Official know as soon as possible.

My benefits/housing allowance/book stipend didn't get paid last month. Why?

We will check to make sure your enrollment certifications have been sent. However, schools don't have access to VA records. So, beyond providing you with the certification number, we cannot assist with payment issues. You will need to contact the VA directly.

Why haven't I received my credit check?

The best office to answer that question is the Business Office.