

VETERANS, ACTIVE MILITARY, AND DEPENDENTS/SURVIVORS

Central Christian College of Kansas (CCK) is honored to have veterans, National Guard, active duty and reservists choosing to attend classes on-campus and online. This section of the Catalog is designed to provide information about military benefits that may pertain to those students with military service and their dependents and survivors.

VETERANS BENEFITS

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA)

The U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) administers a variety of benefits and services that provide financial and other forms of assistance to service members, veterans, their dependents and survivors. One of these benefits provides assistance to those who are pursuing a college education. Students may contact the VA to inquire about this benefit either by phone or through the GI Bill® website.

Phone: 1-888-GI BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
Website: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>
(Questions may be submitted in writing by clicking on the "Submit a Question" button in the right column on the page.)

All students planning to use VA education benefits must submit an application directly to the VA prior to using their benefits. This can be done on the VA website through the student's eBenefits account. Students should be aware that it can take up to two months for applications to be processed and should plan accordingly. Students who have previously applied for benefits do not need to apply again. Instead, a "Change of Program or Place of Training" form must be submitted directly to the VA in order for the benefits to be transferred to CCC (this can also be done through VONAPP).

When using VA benefits to pay for tuition at CCC, students must first contact the Registrar's Office and then inform the Business Office of their intentions.

SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

A School Certifying Official (SCO) is the main contact at a school for students using VA education benefits. At CCC, the SCO for both the online and residential programs can be contacted through the Registrar's Office. The primary roles of a SCO are to report the dates of a student's enrollment and to report net tuition charges (when necessary) to the VA so that payment of the student's benefits is activated. A SCO cannot advise a student on what type of benefits to take or how much they will receive in benefits. For that information, the student must contact the VA.

TYPES OF BENEFITS

CCC School Certifying Officials do not have access to VA records and are not able to identify program eligibility. For more information or to inquire about eligibility, please contact the VA directly using one of the methods described previously.

Benefits Available to Veterans

- Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty*
- Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E/Voc Rehab)
- Chapter 32 Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)*
- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®*
- Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® – Selected Reserve*

Benefits Available to Dependents/Survivors

- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® – Transfer of Entitlement (TOE)
- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® – Fry Scholarship
- Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)*

*For a side-by-side comparison chart of these benefits see: http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/comparison_chart.asp

HOW VA BENEFITS ARE DISBURSED

Veteran's benefits are disbursed or paid in several ways and are dependent upon what type of benefit the student is receiving. Tuition and fee payments for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® and Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program are sent directly to the school. Housing and book stipend benefits associated with Chapter 33 are sent directly to the student. Benefit disbursement for all other programs is sent directly to the student, and it is the student's responsibility to make payment arrangements with the Business Office.

Depending on the degree program, benefit eligibility, rate of pursuit, enrollment status, and processing time, students may experience a tuition balance at any time during their semester. When a balance exists, the school may require payment from another source to cover the shortfall or require the student to go on a formal payment plan. As benefits or payments are received by the school, any credit that may be created will be returned to the student within 14 days of posting to their account.

Central Christian College of Kansas bills students by semester (online/modular programs define a semester as four consecutive course dates within a payment period). With that in mind, students should understand the frequency by which their respective benefit will be paid and

how this will affect their tuition/fees balance. The following benefits are disbursed in monthly amounts that vary by program: Chapter 30, Chapter 32, Chapter 35, and Chapter 1606. The following benefits are disbursed by semester or module/course: Chapter 33, Chapter 31. Students are encouraged to visit with CCC's SCO to determine if additional contact with the Financial Aid or Business Office would be appropriate.

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM (POST 9/11 GI BILL)

Central Christian College of Kansas is proud to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program. The Yellow Ribbon Program is a voluntary agreement between CCC and the VA to fund net tuition and fee charges that are above the maximum cap for private colleges. This program is available to students who are eligible for the Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® at the 100% level. CCC does not limit the number of recipients in any given year.

Fifty percent of any net tuition and fee charges that exceed the maximum cap will be funded by CCC, and fifty percent will be funded by the VA. Please visit the GI Bill® website for the current benefit cap. Net tuition and fee charges are defined as the tuition and fee charge less any waiver or reduction of tuition and fees that is provided directly to the school and is specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees. This may or may not include aid received from scholarships, Federal or State government agencies, CCC, or employers.

Yellow Ribbon funds that are provided by the VA will be sent directly to the school. Yellow Ribbons funds that are provided by CCC will be disbursed in the form of an institutional grant. For more information on the Yellow Ribbon program, please visit the GI Bill® website.

PRINCIPLES OF EXCELLENCE

To strengthen consumer protection for service members, veterans, and their families, Central Christian College of Kansas has agreed to Executive Order 13607. CCC is committed to providing all students with consumer information to make informed decisions concerning the use of their well-earned education benefits.

RATE OF PURSUIT

The VA calculates a figure known as the "Rate of Pursuit" to determine enrollment status. The only CCC programs directly affected are those that utilize modular 6-week courses. Rate of Pursuit involves how long it takes a student to complete a certain number of credits. In CCC's 6-week course programs, it takes longer than a traditional semester to earn the same number of credits. Students taking courses during a traditional semester take 15 weeks to complete 12 credits (a full time load). When taking one 6-week course at a time, it takes 24 weeks to complete those same 12 credits. Since the Rate of Pursuit is slower,

the VA considers the enrollment status of these programs to be three-quarter time.

ADDITIONAL MILITARY DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE REQUESTED

The following documents may be requested by the School Certifying Official or Academic Office:

- Copy of the application for VA Education Benefits
- Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
- Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)
- DD-214 Copy 4 – Veteran's discharge or separation documents
- 22-1995 /22-5495– Change of Program or Place of Training form
- 28-1905 – "Authorization and Certification of Entrance... into Rehabilitation..."

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Military Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard for voluntary off-duty education programs. Each service has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application process and restrictions. It can be applied for through the service member's local education office. Students should be aware that their application for each class must be approved before beginning that class.

The Department of Defense (DOD) has directed a uniform TA fiscal policy across the military services. Currently, the fiscal year cap is 16 semester credits and \$250 per credit. Payment is usually sent directly to the school. See the Financial Aid section for information on the Military Tuition Assistance Grant provided by CCC.

Students planning to use Tuition Assistance to pay for classes at CCC must first contact the Registrar's Office and then inform the Business Office of their intentions.

Top-Up

Top-Up is a program that allows GI Bill® participants to use the GI Bill® to supplement the tuition and fees not covered by Tuition Assistance. To be eligible for the Top-Up benefit, students must be approved for federal Tuition Assistance by a military department and be eligible for GI Bill® benefits (see Veteran's Benefits section for contact information).

For students who receive the Top-Up benefit, regular GI Bill® benefits will be reduced. In no case can the amount paid by the military combined with the amount paid by the VA be more than the total cost of the course.

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance program is intended to provide funds for the payment of tuition and

fees for enlisted members of a Kansas Air/Army National Guard unit. Full time enrollment is not required. The recipient must have less than 20 years of service with the National Guard and must not already have obtained a bachelor's degree.

The application must be completed and signed by student, commander, and school official by appropriate deadlines. The fall semester deadline is no later than the third Friday in September and the spring semester deadline is no later than the third Friday in February. More information and a downloadable application are available at http://www.kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants

CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING

See "Category Seven – Military Credit" under the Transfer Credit Policies section of this Catalog for more information on receiving credit for military education and experience.

FINANCIAL AID

Students that are receiving any type of military benefit may also be eligible for federal, state, and institutional financial aid. Please refer to the financial aid sections of this Catalog for a more detailed explanation of other aid types and eligibility requirements. Highlighted here are financial aid options specific to veterans, military personnel, and/or dependents.

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN SERVICE GRANT

Students whose parent or guardian died as a result of U.S. Military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, may receive increased amounts of Federal Student Aid if the student was less than 24 years old when the parent or guardian died, or was enrolled at Central Christian College of Kansas at the time of the parent or guardian's death.

There are two provisions for such students depending on the status of the student's Pell Grant eligibility.

1. Students who are Pell grant eligible, but not the maximum, will be treated as eligible for the maximum Pell grant.
2. Students who are not Pell grant eligible, and meet all other Pell grant eligibility requirements, will be eligible for the Iraq/Afghanistan Service Grant at the maximum Pell Grant rates.

MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT

Students enrolled in the online Criminal Justice may be eligible for the Military Tuition Assistance Grant. This grant is for active military personnel, National Guard, Reserve members (any branch of the armed services) and/or dependents using Military Tuition Assistance to pay for

tuition/fees only. Students utilizing Veterans Benefits are not eligible for this grant. This grant is available for course charges that are partially funded by Tuition Assistance only. Courses that are not funded by Tuition Assistance will not be eligible for this grant. Students may be required to provide documentation of Tuition Assistance eligibility.

The maximum grant is equal to the difference between the current per credit hour rates and the maximum amount allowed for Tuition Assistance. In no case can the amount paid by TA combined with the amount paid by the grant be more than the total cost of the course.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Certain programs require students to self-report tuition and required fees. These charges are subject to changes as directed by the Board of Trustees. Central Christian College of Kansas reserves the right to make changes without prior notice.

Please view tuition rates within the Financial Aid section of this Catalog. All programs at Central Christian College of Kansas are semester/term based. Students will be charged for all credits in which they are scheduled and enrolled. Only fees charged to every student enrolled in a course are eligible to be paid by the VA/military.

WITHDRAWAL

Please see the Financial Aid section of this Catalog for the withdrawal process as it relates to financial aid and when and how charges are prorated in the event of a withdrawal. Withdrawals from a course or a program can result in a balance due from the student. Students are responsible for learning how a withdrawal will affect their financial obligation to the school or outside agency. It is highly encouraged for all students receiving Veteran's Benefits and/or Tuition Assistance to contact their School Certifying Official and Financial Aid representative before ending their enrollment in any particular course or program. Withdrawals are required to be reported to the VA/military and may cause an overpayment that is the student's responsibility to pay.

WITHDRAWAL DUE TO BEING CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY

Central Christian College of Kansas would encourage any student who is called up for active duty or mandatory training to continue their enrollment if possible. In the event that a student must or chooses to withdraw due to receiving order for deployment or long-term training, CCC will honor the student's service by forgiving any institutional charges that are incurred as a result of their withdrawal (provided proper documentation has been submitted). This includes the waiver of the Withdraw Fee and the refund of Tuition and Fees for courses not

attended. It is expected that institutional charges incurred prior to the withdrawal will be satisfied by the student. Students who withdraw for any other reason will follow the withdrawal and refund procedures as outlined in the Financial Aid section of this Catalog.