

ACTIVE DUTY, SELECTED RESERVE, RESERVE AND SURVIVOR & DEPENDENTS BENEFITS

Eligibility to the various GI Bill® educational programs is determined by the veteran's service record. Before applying for an educational benefit, veterans should consult the VA Comparison Tool. The VA Comparison Tool is designed to help veterans determine eligibility, compare benefits and review payment rates for each program. [VA Comparison Tool Website](#)

Once you know which benefit you plan to use you need to apply to use your VA education benefits:

- Online at VA: [VETS.gov](#)
- In Person at your nearest Veteran Service Office.
- Consult with the VA School Certifying Official at the school of your choice. This official can help you apply Online.
- Have a paper application mailed to you by calling 1-888-GI BILL-1 (888-442-4551).



Note: *We suggest you keep a copy of your completed application for your records.*

Use the "Get Started" web link to explore your options before applying to use your benefits:

- Assess your aptitudes and interests with [CareerScope®](#).
- Compare VA education benefits and review payment rates.
- Choose a school or education program and estimate your benefit amount.
- Learn how other Veterans benefited from VA education benefits.

MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA)

- All four service branches and the U.S. Coast Guard offer financial assistance for voluntary, off-duty education programs in support of service members' personal and professional goals. To be eligible for TA, an enlisted service member must have enough time remaining in service to complete the course he/she has applied.
- Each military branch has its own TA application form and procedures. To find out how to get started visit your local installation education center, go online to a virtual education center or use the following links for each service branch:

[Army](#)

[Marine Corps](#)

[Navy](#)

[Air Force](#)

VETERAN READINESS & EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (VR&E):

- If you have a service-connected disability that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, Veteran Readiness and Employment (formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) can help. This program—also known as Chapter 31 or VR&E—helps you explore employment options and address education or training needs. In some cases, your family members may also qualify for certain benefits. Explore VR&E support-and-services tracks for help learning new skills, finding a new job, starting a business, getting educational counseling, or returning to your former job. To learn more about eligibility to VR&E Benefits or apply for Services go to the [Veteran Readiness & Employment](#) website.



NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE APPLYING FOR VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

PAPERWORK NEEDED TO BEGIN USING BENEFITS:

- Certificate of Eligibility or vets.gov application confirmation page
 - A screen print of your VA Education eligibility from MyVA is acceptable.
- Military Transcripts – Instructions below
- Official College Transcripts from **ALL** prior colleges
- DD-214 –Member 4 - Report of Separation - to waive Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2)
 - To request a copy of your DD-214 go to [National Archives](#)
 - Call: 866-272-6272

HOW TO REQUEST A MILITARY TRANSCRIPT:

ARMY (AARTS) - NAVY (SMART)- MARINE CORPS (SMART) - COAST GUARD:

[Joint Service Transcript](#) (JST)

If you are prior Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Navy and do not have access to a Common Access Card (CAC) reader, then

- REGISTER for a JST account first.
- Once registered log into the JST system.
- Click on the 'Transcripts' tab at the top of the page and then click the 'Official Transcript Request' tab.
- Type in 'North Central Texas College' and click 'search' or hit the enter key.
- On the order page verify all information is correct and chose a delivery method:
 - Online Delivery - You can order as many transcripts as needed for on-line delivery. Transcripts ordered by will be delivered via the web on the next business day.
 - Mail - Only 2 transcripts within 30 days can be ordered due to production and postage costs. Hard copies will be mailed on the next business day.

AIR FORCE – COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE (CCAF)

- Request official transcript Online at [CCAF](#)

ACE MILITARY GUIDE:

The [ACE Military Guide](#) for Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services can be found on the website:

Questions? Please contact the Veteran School Certifying Official for the campus you attend, see below:

- Gainesville, Bowie & Graham Campuses: Hannah Cooley hcooley@nctc.edu
- Corinth, Denton & Flower Mound Campuses: Zoanna Lax zlax@nctc.edu; Colleen Jacobs cjacobs@nctc.edu