

Military & Veteran Resource Center

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Our goal at Texas A&M University-Kingsville's Military & Veteran Resource Center is to provide military veterans, service members, and their family members with excellent customer service and dependability. We aim to maximize the educational opportunities available to our students and to provide the veteran with a rewarding transition from their college career into their professional careers.

Incoming and Returning students

Students attending should inquire with the Military & Veteran Resource Center before registration in order to obtain needed information relative to their enrollment and certification of attendance to the Veterans Benefit Administration. All new students must furnish the Military & Veteran Resource Center with all required documents necessary for their certification set by the office and awarding agencies. Students must meet with their advisor or mentor and register in approved courses that count towards their degree progress. Degree progress is available through Degreeworks for student and office tracking. Certifications **will not include** courses taken that do not appear on the student's approved degree plan, nor will they pay for course previously taken and completed.

Request for Certification – The Request for Certification (Online) is a form that allows the student to submit their request to be certified. This request must be completed in order to process any certifications.

Federal Veteran Education Benefits

Visit our office to learn about VA benefit program eligibility requirements. VA education benefits are here to assist you with a variety of financial assistance with your education goals.

Post-9/11 GI Bill (CH33) provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (CH 33).

Transfer of Entitlement - Post-9/11 GI Bill (CH33 TOE) Similar to the Post-9/11 GI Bill, this benefit offers some service members the opportunity to transfer their GI Bill to dependents. For the first time in history, service members enrolled in the Post-9/11 GI Bill program will be able to transfer unused educational benefits to their spouses or children starting Aug. 1, 2009.

Montgomery G.I. Bill (CH 30) program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years.

Veterans Readiness and Employment VR&E (CH 31) is authorized by Congress under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, CH 31. It is sometimes referred to as the CH 31 program. The Vet Success program assists Veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. For Veterans with service-connected disabilities so severe that they cannot immediately consider work, Vet Success offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible.

Montgomery GI Bill-Selective Reserve (CH 1606) is an educational program for active members of the Selected Reserve. Eligible recipients receive a monthly stipend based on enrollment status. CH 1606 eligibility is determined by the Department of Defense. Basic eligibility requires a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve and satisfactory participation in required Selected Reserve training.

Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship The Edith Nourse Rogers Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) scholarship allows some eligible Veterans and dependents in high-demand fields to extend their Post-9/11 GI Bill or Fry Scholarship benefits. This extension can award you up to 9 months (or \$30,000) of added benefits to your award.

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (CH 35) program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. If you're the child or spouse of a Veteran or service member who has died, is captured or missing, or has disabilities, you may be able to get help paying for school or job training through the DEA program.

Additional federal program information can be found at VA.Gov

Texas Education Benefits For Veterans and Dependents

Texas Hazlewood Act & Texas Hazlewood Legacy Act - The Hazlewood Act is a State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does NOT include living expenses, books, or supply fees. Legacy recipients will receive an exemption for the number of degree certified hours reported by the institution for that term or semester. Maximum degree certified hours awarded to the Legacy recipient will be dependent

upon the degree or certificate program in which the student is enrolled for that term or semester and shall be consistent with the program length as defined within the school catalog as approved by the regional accreditation commission. (40 TAC §461.30)

*If a child to whom hours have been delegated fails to use all of the assigned hours, a Veteran may re-assign the unused hours that are available to another child. Only one child will use Hazlewood Legacy benefits at a time.

For more information including a checklist for required documents and other valuable information please visit <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewood/> or check with our office.

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