

Veterans Benefits

The MCC administration, faculty, and staff are proud of U.S. veterans for their service to our country! We welcome veteran students and offer VA educational assistance and guidance through the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI bill, Dependents Educational Assistance and VA Vocational Rehabilitation along with their enrollment at MCC.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (www.va.gov) determines the eligibility of educational benefits for veterans of the U.S. armed forces and their family members. If you or your family members are eligible for veteran educational benefits, the VA rep will certify your MCC enrollment in order for you or your family members to receive these benefits. Students who are eligible to receive veteran educational benefits need to complete an MCC VA Data sheet to be considered for the benefits. They must also submit official transcripts from any higher ed schools they've attended as well as their military transcripts.

Information may be obtained from the Veterans Administration website at www.va.gov to verify individual eligibility and requirements to apply. Once your eligibility has been confirmed, Morgan Community College will assist you in processing the necessary forms. Veterans may contact Deb Wacker, VA Certifying Official at 970-542-3152 or Debbie.wacker@morgancc.edu.

Services:

- *Open admissions policy
- *Credit for education
- *Transfer credits accepted from other colleges and universities

A variety of degree programs approved for VA educational benefits

The Welcome Center personnel work with veterans and service members who are current and starting MCC students. We assist students during the application process with applying for their benefits and we also certify students' enrollments to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Our Certifying Officials receive training from the Department of Veterans Affairs. New certifying officials must complete 10 virtual training modules with 14 days of becoming an SCO and prior to processing any certifications.

Experienced SCO's must complete 8 hours of annual training that is provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as Regional Training provided by the Education Liaison Representative (ELR).

Chapter 30—Montgomery GI Bill

The Montgomery GI Bill establishes a program of education benefits for essentially three groups or categories of individuals based on their active duty service. The benefits available to each person may vary depending on their particular situation and length of active duty service.

For more information on eligibility on Chapter 30 Montgomery GI bill for Active Duty, we encourage you to visit http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm

Also see http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch30_pamphlet.pdf

Chapter 31—Vocational Rehabilitation

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Program is authorized by Congress under Title 38, USC, Chapter 31 and the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21. It is sometimes referred to as the Chapter 31 Program. This 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, this program offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible.

Students must contact the Veterans Administration Office in Wichita at 1-800-827-1000 for guidance to apply for this benefit. They will schedule an appointment in the Lakewood office for the veteran. Once your eligibility has been confirmed, please submit a VA Form 29-1905 to Morgan Community College.

Chapter 33—Post 9/11

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 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.

VA Form 22-1990 (first time applying)-The application can be submitted online via the VONAPP VA website at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>. A copy of the application must be submitted to Morgan Community College for a file to be created and maintained.

Students must also submit a copy of their DD-214 to accompany the application.

VA Form 22-1995 (change of program/place of training)-The application can be submitted online via the VONAPP VA website <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>. A copy of the application must be submitted to Morgan Community College to be placed in the Veterans' file.

Chapter 35—Survivors & Dependents' Assistance

Dependents' Educational Assistance provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. Effective October 1, 2013, some DEA beneficiaries may be eligible for 81 months of GI Bill benefits if they are eligible for more than one education benefit.

VA Form 22-5490 (Dependent's Application for VA Education Benefits)—The application can be submitted online via the VONAPP VA website <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>. A copy of the application must be submitted to Morgan Community College for a file to be created and maintained.

Chapter 1606—GI Bill Selected Reserve

The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

You may use this education assistance program for degree programs, certificate or correspondence courses, cooperative training, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and

vocational flight training programs. Remedial, refresher and deficiency training are available under certain circumstances.

VA For 22-1990 (first time applying)-The application can be submitted online via the VONAPP VA website <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>. A copy of the application must be submitted to Morgan Community College, for a file to be created and maintained.

Students who are enrolled must complete the Request for Certification each semester and submit it to the VA Certifying Official. ([add Certification Request form here](#))

Transcripts

Students are required to submit official transcripts from each school attended prior to the third semester at MCC. Transcripts must be mailed directly to:

Morgan Community College
920 Barlow Road
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Or they can be ordered through the JST website and through Parchment if your prior college uses their services.

***Official transcripts must be submitted by the end of the third semester.

***VA certification will be denied if official transcripts are not received by the end of the third semester.

Joint Services Transcript (JST) – <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signin.do>

Full Time vs. Part Time

The Department of Veteran Affairs determines the rate of pursuit by the number of credits and days/weeks of the semester/session/term/cycle. Students can typically be considered a full-time VA student based on this criteria but status can change without notice:

*Enrollment of 12 credit hours during a 15 week session is considered full time for VA students.

*Enrollment of 7 credits during a 10 week session is considered full time for VA students.

Jobs

The MCC Office of Guidance and Counselling will assist you in your job search and will routinely post job openings on the information board outside of the Welcome Center. They also routinely email all staff about job openings to ensure that students are being informed.

The Colorado Department of Labor also has many resources to help veterans and service members transitioning out of the military to re-enter the labor market. As part of Colorado's Priority of Service, job postings are available to veterans before they are made available to the general public. The DOL also assists with licensing and certification, employment services, and provides virtual seminars.

www.colorado.gov/cdle/veterans

Hire Patriots is a free outreach for honorable US Military, Veterans, and their families. The Hire Patriots program helps military and veterans earn money when they are in and out of the Service with Local One Day job boards and a National Full Time job board.

www.Hirepatriots.com

General overview and paying for school

<http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/spotlight/veterans-education-resources>

Certifications

Fall term certifications will begin after August 1.

Spring term certifications will begin after January 1.

Summer term certifications will begin after May 1.