

USING YOUR GI BILL (Veterans' Benefits) At Marion Technical College

Marion Technical College is an approved training facility for the use of the GI Bill. The general categories of the GI Bill are:

- Montgomery GI Bill® - Chapter 30
- Post 9/11 GI Bill® - Chapter 33
- Montgomery GI Bill© for Reservists - Chapter 1606
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) - Chapter 1607
- GI Bill® for Dependents – Chapter 35
- VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program – Chapter 31

GI BILL APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Speak with an Admission Counselor and apply for admission to MTC. You must be seeking an associate degree to use benefits at MTC.
2. Contact the MTC VA Certifying Official (Diane Mayne) for the Application for Benefits (VA Form 22-1990 for Chapters 30, 33, 1606 and 1607 **OR** VA Form 22-5490 for Chapter 35). Complete and return the application with appropriate documentation to Diane (see below).
3. You may also apply on-line at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>. If using this option, you must also provide a copy of your application to Diane Mayne.
4. Register for classes then submit a copy of the registration form to the MTC Certifying Official.
 - a) *Never used educational benefits?* Attach a copy of the DD214 for Chapter 30 or the Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) for Chapter 1606/1607.
 - b) *Used benefits at another institution or at MTC, but changing programs?* Complete VA Form 22-1995 (Chapters 30, and 1606/1607) or VA Form 22-5495 (Chapter 35).

Certification:

After a student has submitted all documents to the MTC Certifying Official, it will be submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) with verification of enrollment.

If a student withdraws during any academic quarter, the benefits will be terminated and he/she must contact the Certifying Official to restart the benefits.

If a student drops class(es) any time during the quarter, he/she must notify the Certifying Official. All changes must be reported to VA. Failure to do so may result in an overpayment to the student.

If a student decides to change his/her major, the change must be made with the Office of Student Records along with the Certifying Official to prevent interruption of educational benefits.

Payment:

After the application and enrollment certification has been submitted to DVA, it may take 6-12 weeks to start receiving monthly benefit checks. Payment is mailed or direct deposited into the student's bank account for the prior month training.

Direct deposit is not available for Chapter 35 recipients.

Monthly payments are based on the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled:

12 + credit hours = Full Payment

9-11 credit hours = 75% Payment

6-8 credit hours = 50% Payment

1-5 credit hours = 25% Payment

Advance Payment:

New students or students who have been out of school for one or more academic semesters may apply for advance payment.

Advance payment allows the student to receive the 1st and 2nd months check prior to the start of the semester to help pay tuition expenses. To request advance payment, the student must be planning to take at least 6 credit hours and sign an Advance Payment Request **AT LEAST** 30 days prior to tuition/fee deadline. Advance payment checks are mailed directly to MTC.

Break Pay:

VA will not pay for the break between academic semesters.

VA Educational Benefit Programs

Here is a brief description of the current VA educational benefit programs. If you would like a more detailed description, please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) or visit their website: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/index.asp>.

- Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill® (Active Duty)

The MGIB program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This benefit may be used for degree programs. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. *Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty.*

- Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill®

The Post 9/11 GI Bill 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. The Post-9/11 GI Bill became effective for training on or after August 1, 2009. The amount of support that an individual may qualify for depends on where they live and what type of degree they are pursuing. GI Bill will pay your tuition based upon the highest in-state tuition charged by an educational institution in the state where the educational institution is located.

- Chapter 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill® (Selected Reserves)

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. This benefit may be used for degree programs. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

- Chapter 1607 – Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

REAP was established as a part of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. It is a new Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress. This new program makes certain reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001 either eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits.

- Chapter 35 – Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

DEA provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, or who died while on active duty or as a result of a service related condition.

- Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR & E)

VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR & E) program helps veterans with service-connected disabilities with retraining. If a student is eligible for these benefits, tuition, fees, books and supplies will be paid by VA. A monthly subsistence allowance is also paid to the student.

VA Policies and Procedures

The following are informational sections and procedures that must be followed in order to use benefits. The student **MUST** declare a major and **MUST** attend classes.

Remedial Courses – The VA considers all MTC courses of 0990 and below as remedial. The DVA will only pay for remedial classes if suggested by the COMPASS test results.

Academics/Grades – A student will be considered in good standing as long as he/she takes only classes required for graduation, successfully completes those classes, and does not repeat a previously passed course. If a student must be reported to VA for unsatisfactory progress, benefits will be terminated. The student will then have to reapply for benefits with the Certifying Official.

Reporting Changes – If a student wishes to avoid problems with their benefits, all changes (including name change, address change, change in number of credit hours, withdrawing, and changes in their major) must be reported the Certifying Official. VA must be informed of such changes ASAP.

Prior Credit – DVA **requires** that all previous education whether from previous institution or military be applied to the current curriculum. It is the student’s responsibility to request transcriptions for evaluation by the MTC Department Dean/Director.

Tuition/Fee Payment – Students receiving VA benefits are expected to pay tuition/fees by the deadline set by MTC each quarter whether benefits have arrived or not.

Military Activation:

A student who is called to active duty must:

1. Submit a copy of the official orders for deployment to the Certifying Official.

2. Complete and submit a DROP/ADD Form (obtained from the Office of Student Records) to the Certifying Official.
3. If you are unable to do this in person, contact the Certifying Official for other options.

Frequently Asked Questions

When should I apply for my benefits?

You should apply for benefits as soon as possible. However, certification of enrollment will not be sent to VA until after you have registered for classes at MTC.

How much money will I receive for my GI Bill®?

The benefits vary depending on the type and how many credit hours for which you enroll. Visit the VA website for more detailed information at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/index.asp>

Can I receive regular financial aid while receiving VA benefits?

Yes, as long as you apply and are deemed eligible. Other forms of financial aid include grants, scholarships and loans.

What should I do if I don't receive my benefit check?

Contact the DVA at 1(888) 442-4451 to find out if the check has been mailed or deposited. If not, ask for details. If there is a school related problem, contact the Certifying Official.

If I withdraw from school while collecting VA and then return 2 semesters later, will I automatically begin receiving my benefits again?

No. You must contact the Certifying Official to be recertified.

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Regional Office
PO Box 66830
St. Louis, MO 63166-6830
(888) 442-4551
www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/index.asp

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VA Verification of School Attendance
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