



GI Bill® Benefits: Getting Started and What to Expect

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Step 1: Applying to Solano Community College (SCC) & VA Education Benefits

- Complete an Application for Admission/Readmission <https://www.solano.edu/admissions/>
 - **New Students:** Student will receive an Acceptance email from SCC Admissions and Records with a SCC Student ID number and FalconNest Username within 1 – 2 business days.
After receiving this email, not before, proceed to Step 2.
 - **Returning SCC Students:** If you've previously applied for admission and did not attend for 1 or more semesters, you will need to apply for readmission.
- Complete the VA Education Benefit Application <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>
Required for Step 3.
- REQUIRED:** Order all Unofficial Transcripts That Apply. **Unofficial transcripts are required for STEP 3.**
All Prior College Advance Placement (AP) CLEP DANTES
 - **VETERANS:** In addition to unofficial college transcripts, Military Transcripts are required
 - US Army, Marines Corps, Navy, & Coast Guard: Order Joint Service Transcript
<https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>
 - US Air Force & Space Force: Order Community College of the Air Force/Air University
<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Registrar/Transcript-Requests/>

Step 2: Contact the SCC Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

- Contact the Veterans Resource Center to schedule an Initial Benefit Appointment
- Complete the New Student Online Orientation at <https://www.solano.edu/admissions/orientation-home.php>
- Apply for Financial Aid <https://studentaid.gov/> (Optional, but HIGHLY Recommended)

Step 3: Initial Benefit Appointment

- Bring all Unofficial Transcripts to this appointment.
- VRC staff member will go over the VA Education Benefit and requirements while using the benefit
- VRC staff member will provide and go over the New Student Packet with forms that are required for the Intake Benefit Appointment
- VRC staff member will schedule a VA Education Plan appointment with the Veteran Resource Center Academic Counselor, and an Intake Appointment based on the student's current enrollment

Step 4: VA Education Plan Appointment

- VRC Academic Counselor will create a VA Approved Education Plan. Students are able to pursue up to two majors at one time. The plan will be comprehensive from the 1st semester – graduation and or transfer. Per VA Prior Credit Regulation, the counselor will apply credit if applicable to the education plan for all prior college credit, standardized tests, and military training in an effort to shorten the length of time to obtain the student educational goal.
- The VA Education Plan will be reviewed for compliance before given to the student.

Step 5: VA Education Plan Acknowledgement

- The VA Education Plan will be emailed to the student with instructions to accept the VA Education Plan and may include additional documentation before the educational plan is official.

Step 6: Intake Appointment

- Student will submit their New Student Packet completed with all supporting documentation outlined in the New Student Packet in order to start using their benefit.