



## VETERANS BENEFITS CHECKLIST

VA Certifying Official: Karen Andrews

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### You must get certified every semester!

If you are not planning to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) now, you do not need to make your election immediately but should wait until closer to the time in which you wish to use Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. Visit our web site ([http://www.cuesta.edu/student/servs\\_classes/veterans/ch33/irrevocable.html](http://www.cuesta.edu/student/servs_classes/veterans/ch33/irrevocable.html)) for a comparison chart as election of Chapter 33 is irrevocable.

- If you elect the Post-9/11 GI Bill for a total of 36 months of benefits, you will be required to make an irrevocable choice and will revoke your other GI Bill benefits.
- If you elect the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30) and exhaust all Chapter 30 funds, you will remain eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill for one extra year for a total of 48 months.

**Apply to Cuesta College:** <http://www.cuesta.edu/apply/>

**Apply online with VONAPP:** <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

- Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 1606: Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)
- Chapter 1607: Reserve Educational Assistance (REAP)

**Submit official transcripts to: Cuesta College Records Office, PO Box 8106, San Luis Obispo CA 93403-8106**

- JST (Joint Services Transcript): <https://jst.doded.mil/official.html>
- Credentials Service for Air Force: <http://www.credentials-inc.com/cgi-bin/dvcgitp.pgm?ALUMTRO012308>

**Complete Assessment Testing:** [http://www.cuesta.edu/student/getstarted/assessment\\_testing/](http://www.cuesta.edu/student/getstarted/assessment_testing/)

**Complete Online Orientation in myCuesta:** <https://my.cuesta.edu>

Go to Student tab and Steps to Success channel then click on "Online Orientation."

**Complete Student Education Plan (SEP)**

Make a Counseling appointment by calling (805) 546-3138. Be sure to identify yourself as a Veteran or dependent/spouse using GI Bill benefits. Veterans Counselors: Irene Nunez M.A. and Dana Gough M.A.

**Submit DD214 to obtain priority registration**

Priority registration is available to members of the US Armed Forces or member/former member of State Military Reserve, who are a resident of California, who has received an honorable discharge, general discharge, or an other than honorable discharge, for any academic term attended at Cuesta college for four academic years after he/she has left active duty, which he/she shall use within 15 years of leaving state or federal active duty. Students must complete assessment, orientation and an SEP to receive priority enrollment. Student must earn a 2.0 GPA or higher and be enrolled in at 12 credits throughout the Fall/Spring semester to maintain Veteran's benefit status.

**Register for classes online in myCuesta:** <https://my.cuesta.edu>

Only classes related to your educational goal are eligible for certification. Go to Student tab and Steps to Success channel then click on "Register Add/Drop Classes."

**Get Certified** - Call (805) 546-3142 to make an appointment.

- All Chapters: Bring in a copy of your SEP.
- Chapters 30, 31: Bring in DD214.
- Chapter 31: Verify that your case manager has sent your Form 28-1905 to Cuesta College.
- Chapter 1606: Bring DD 2384-1, Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)
- Chapters 30, 33, 1606 1607: Bring in letter of eligibility.
- Chapter 35: Bring in Veteran's Social Security Number

**Change of program/major?**

- Make an appointment with a counselor by calling (805) 546-3138. Be sure to identify yourself as a Veteran or dependent/spouse using GI Bill benefits.
- Make an appointment with VA Office at (805) 546-3142 and bring in copy of your SEP.

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