

Intake Ch: 35 Survivors and Dependent Educational Assistance Program

Sierra College Veterans Office (916) 660-7470

- Apply to Sierra College:** www.sierracollege.edu.
 - If you are flagged for non-residency, please talk to the Veterans Office as you might be eligible for a waiver and will need to complete the “Residency Questionnaire”
 - IMPORTANT...Once you have applied to college, you will receive an email with password and user ID number. DO NOT LOSE this email!
- Take assessment tests** for math, English, and reading at (916) 660-7430, unless you meet the following conditions:
 - Provide assessment scores dated within last 5 years from another college.
 - Provide transcripts w/English, math, and reading classes with “C” or better.
- Order official transcripts form all colleges.** You may bring in official transcripts with you as long as they remain in a sealed envelope.
- Complete VA Form 22-5490** (<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>) First time applying for VA educational benefits. (To expedite the processing of your application, submit a copy of your **birth certificate or marriage certificate**, and **letter of eligibility and disability rating of the veteran**).
-or-
- Complete VA Form 22-1995** (<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>) Transferring from another school at which you used VA Educational Benefits.
- CAL VET COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM FOR DEPENDENTS APPLICATION.** If you meet the requirements, you may be eligible for the CAL-VET fee waiver program. Follow instructions on the cover sheet. Contact the Placer County Veteran Service Office at (916) 780-3290 for more information. Application is also available in our Veterans Office.
- Veteran/Survivor & Dependent Orientation.** In order to be cleared to register for courses and schedule an appointment with a Veteran Counselor, you must first complete the Veteran/Survivor & Dependent Orientation.
- Schedule appointment with Veteran Counselor.** Once above steps have been completed, the Veteran Counselor will evaluate all prior coursework and assist you in mapping out a VA approved educational plan, which will clearly define what classes are approved by the VA.
- Register for classes** (Note: students have 10 days to pay for classes or set up payment plan with Sierra College before being dropped).
- Submit VA Enrollment card to Veteran Office immediately after registering for classes, and/or making changes to your schedule every semester** (cards located in Veterans Office).
- Apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).** Veterans may be entitled to financial aid and fee waivers in addition to their GI Bill. Stop by the Financial Aid office for assistance.