CHAPTER 31 VETERANS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Eligibility:

- Served on or after September 16, 1940.
- Has service connected disabilities rated at least 20% by the DVA.
- Needs Vocational Rehabilitation to overcome an employment handicap and it has been less than 12 years since the DVA notified veteran of their qualified service-connected disabilities.

Benefits:

- Services include: vocational and personal counseling, education and training, financial aid, job assistance, and if needed medical and dental treatment.
- Services generally last up to 48 months, but can be extended in certain instances.
- In most cases, you may be eligible even if you are not receiving a monthly VA disability compensation payment (for example, if you are awaiting discharge from the service because of a disability).

To apply go to http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp or visit

VA Regional Office
8810 Rio San Diego Dr
San Diego, Ca. 92108

Remedial and Refresher Courses:
Remedial and refresher courses may be approved based upon mathematics and English assessment results. These courses must be taken on campus, not online or self pace to be eligible.
Did you Know?

You may be entitled to Vocational Rehabilitation services if you are rated 10% disabled; however, it must be determined that you have a serious employment handicap. Regardless of your service connected disabilities rating percentage, you may have longer than 12 years to use your VR benefit if certain conditions prevented you from participating in a VR program or it is determined that you have a serious employment handicap.

Getting Started:

VA Form 22-1905 must be sent from your assigned case manager (or brought in by you) at the San Diego VA Regional Office to the college prior to processing your semester enrollment for VR benefits. If not on file you will need to contact your case manager.

All students must pay tuition and fees at the time of registration.

Book Authorization:

All paperwork must be submitted to the college Veterans Office before the book authorization will be released to the college bookstore.

Supplies for VA Vocational Rehabilitation Students

In general the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Division (VR&E) will authorize Chapter 31 students to charge only those books and supplies that are required by all other students in the same program. Your local VA Case Manager will audit each invoice and disallow items not authorized for payment.

Text Books and Supplies (As Listed on Syllabus)

The VA will approve payment for books and supplies that are required for the course and listed on the instructor’s syllabus. The VA will not pay “Optional” or “Suggested Reading” books or supplies.
**Additional Supplies:**
The VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program will cover the following:

**Each term** the following items can be charged **not to exceed $55 per term ( $100 per term if purchasing ink)** (Public school standard term):

- Ream of Computer Paper
- Folders
- Hi-lighters
- Package of Post-its
- Spiral Notebooks or Note Paper
- Scantron & blue books
- Non electric pencil sharpeners
- Pencils
- Pens (not to exceed $3 each)
- Report Covers
- CD-RW Disks
- Black Ink
- Paperclips & index cards

**One –Time Purchase** during the course of vocational training:

- Dictionary and Thesaurus
- Calculator- not to exceed requirements of program (usually less than $25) Note: A more expensive calculator will be covered if specifically required for a course and the syllabus is provided
- Book bag/backpack (not to exceed $50)
- Flash Drive

**Colour ink cartridges only reimbursable if listed as requirement on class syllabus. All other items require written pre- Approval by the VA Chapter 31 Case Manager prior to purchase.**