

# VETERANS RESOURCES

## The Nevada Military Support Alliance Major General Ronald J. Bath Veterans and Families Center

The mission of the TMCC Veterans and Families Center (VFC) is to assist student veterans in their successful transition from military service to the academic environment. The staff within the VFC are there to help guide all veterans, eligible dependents and spouses, Nevada National Guard members, and active duty personnel in their educational goals. The staff of the VRC is dedicated in using their own personal experiences to support other veterans and their families. Services within the Veterans and Families Center include:

- Information regarding the details of VA educational benefits
- Assistance with the VA education benefits application (Vets.gov)
- Computers for student veterans for use with VA benefit and TMCC enrollment related materials
- Assistance with retrieving military transcripts
- Private student veteran study areas
- Room for veterans to study, gather, and network
- Student veteran events around campus
- Information about our own Truckee Meadows Veterans Club (TMVC)
- External veteran-related information such as: Disabled American Veterans, Nevada Job Connect, Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans Upward Bound, and many more
- Direct access to Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (V.I.T.A.L.) representatives as well as VA counseling services
- Referrals to other College resources
- Free Coffee

## Military-Connected Student Education Benefits

**Location:** Veterans and Families Center, Red Mountain Building 241

**Phone:** 775-337-5612

**Website:** <http://www.tmcc.edu/veterans-benefits/>

The Veterans Education Benefits Associate and Veterans Pre-Admission Associate are available to assist veterans, active duty personnel, National Guard members, Reservists, spouses and dependents who are eligible for Veterans Educational Benefits. Eligibility is determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs by submitting an online application. If you are a student looking to utilize Veterans Educational Benefits please visit Steps to Enroll for Veterans (<http://www.tmcc.edu/steps-to-enroll/military/>).

All prior credit, both military and other educational institutions must be evaluated by TMCC's Admissions and Records Office via a request for official transcripts. To request a military transcript and submit TMCC's Transfer Credit Evaluation Request, please see the following links:

- Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard (<https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>)
- Air Force (<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Registrar/Transcript-Requests/>)

- Transfer Credit Evaluation Request (<http://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/downloads/credit-evaluation-for-transfer-students/>)

Students planning to use Veteran Educational Benefits or the Nevada National Guard Tuition Waiver must submit a Semester Enrollment Request Form (SERF) once enrolled in the upcoming semester. Additionally, any changes to their schedule—such as adding, dropping, withdrawing, or auditing courses—require an Enrollment Change Form.

- Semester Enrollment Request Form (<https://www.tmcc.edu/veteran-services/downloads/semester-enrollment-request/>)
- Enrollment Change Form (<https://tmcc.rocks/veterans-enrollment-hold-release/>)

Below are the following progression standards for students receiving Veterans Education Benefits. Students using VA education benefits at Truckee Meadows Community College must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate to remain in good standing. Students who meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements are considered to be in “good standing” status.

Students using VA education benefits who feel, because of extenuating circumstances, they have not been able to meet their progression standards may submit an appeal to the Financial Aid Academic Progress Appeals Committee. Satisfactory progress is defined as follows.

1. Grade Point Average — As the “W” grade has no impact in determining the grade point average, it is interpreted as no credit, as if the class were never taken. An adjusted enrollment certification will be submitted to the Veterans Administration for any veteran student who receives a “W” grade. This may result in the veteran student having to pay back a portion of their veterans education benefits received for that semester.
2. Credit Completion — Students using VA education benefits must carefully review their courses and degree program to ensure that
  - a. no more than the number of credits required for the degree have been earned; and
  - b. all such credits are directly applicable to the degree objective.
  - c. To ensure all courses are applicable, students using VA education benefits must report all previous education and training to the College. It is the student's responsibility to order transcripts from institutions previously attended. After two semesters of enrollment, the Department of Veterans Affairs will be notified if the student has failed to order transcripts. This may result in a delay or cessation of veterans education benefits. This includes any credits awarded before the student began using veterans education benefits. Students using VA education benefits may be denied education benefits or asked to reimburse education benefits received for credit earned in excess of their degree requirements.
  - d. Students with questions regarding withdrawal/auditing from courses are encouraged to visit the Veterans and Families Center.
3. Attendance — Students are expected to attend all classes for which they have registered.

*TMCC does not penalize students using VA Education benefit programs under Chapters 33 and 31 while waiting for payment from the Department of Veterans Affairs providing they submit a certificate of eligibility, a written request to use such entitlement, and any additional information needed to certify enrollment. Students will continue to have access to classes, libraries, and other institutional facilities as outlined available in our catalog. No late*

*fees will be assessed and student accounts will be considered on hold. Title 38 USC 3679 (e).*

### **Additional Resources & Priority Registration**

Military-connected students have access to an Academic Advisor who is familiar with VA Education Benefits. It is important to meet with an Academic Advisor to develop an education plan to ensure students take the required courses for their designated degree program. In order to schedule an appointment, students can contact the Academic Advising

TMCC prides itself on our Military-connected student friendly community with our experienced and knowledgeable staff. Because of our Military-connected student friendly community, we offer priority registration to veterans, eligible dependents and spouses, Nevada National Guard members, and active duty personnel. With priority registration, students have the opportunity to enroll for classes one week before the registration date for the upcoming semester.