

VETERANS RESOURCES

Veterans Resource Center

The mission of the TMCC Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is to assist student veterans in their successful transition from military service to the academic environment. The staff within the VRC 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 Resource 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
- Veteran Job Board
- Referrals to other College resources
- Free Coffee

Veterans Education Benefits

Location: Veterans Resource 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/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/community-college-of-the-air-force-transcripts/>)
- Transfer Credit Evaluation Request (<http://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/downloads/credit-evaluation-for-transfer-students/>)

Students who are looking to utilize Veteran Educational Benefits must submit a Veterans Course Submittal Form once enrolled for the upcoming

semester. In addition, students must submit a course submittal form if there are any type of adjustment to their schedule, such as adding, dropping, withdrawing, and auditing.

- Veterans Course Submittal Form (<http://www.tmcc.edu/veterans-benefits/downloads/>)

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 assure 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 that 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 Resource 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

Veterans 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 are taking the required

courses for their designated degree program. In order to schedule an appointment students can contact the Veterans Resource Center.

TMCC prides itself on our veteran friendly community with our experienced and knowledgeable staff. Because of our veteran 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 prior to the registration date for the upcoming semester.