



## **Counseling Guidelines for Veterans Educational Benefits Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)**

### ***Benefits***

- Full tuition and fees are paid directly to the school for full-time and part time student veterans.
- The monthly housing allowance (MHA) for the San Diego Community College District (zip code 92108) amount varies for full-time status. Please review the link: <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/> a
- Annual book stipend is up to \$1,000 per academic year. Please refer the students to Veterans Office for more information.

### ***Ed-Plans***

- Students will only be certified for approved courses as identified on the student education plan.
- New and returning students who change their major can complete an education plan during drop-in counseling to be eligible for Veterans Student Services.
- All continuing students must have a comprehensive educational plan before the end of their second semester.
- Note, students that have completed 6 months of continuous service and honorable discharge have met the Area E requirement by DD-214

### ***Repeating Courses/Prerequisites***

- Course repeats are payable for substandard grades as long as they are required for the degree plan.
- A “D” is a passing grade for most CSU and AA/AS GE. Therefore, a repeat for a “D” grade in general education such as Natural Sciences and Humanities is not allowed for CSU and AA/AS GE.
- A “D” is not passing for IGETC. Therefore, a repeat for a “D” grade for this transfer general education pattern is allowed.
- Prerequisite courses are payable as long as the student has assessed into the course and/or is needed to complete course requirements for the major.

### ***Withdrawals (W) or NP (No Pass)***

- Students who drop classes after the add/drop deadline but before the withdrawal deadline, will be reported to the VA as Non-Punitive.
- The VA cannot pay benefits for a course in which a non-punitive grade has been received and may result in an OVERPAYMENT. If benefits have been paid for the course, then the VA may require REPAYMENT of those benefits (Book Stipend, Tuition & Fees, and Monthly Housing Allowance) back to the beginning of the term.



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## ***Distance Learning (online) and MHA***

- If a student's enrollment is a combination of distance learning and on-campus if the student is rated at 100% and full-time student status, they can receive up to \$3,792.
- Students enrolled exclusively in distance learning courses (100% Online\*) and are full time status are eligible for monthly housing allowance and will receive \$928 for full-time status which is based on half of the national average of MHA.
- Hybrid (partially online) courses qualify as in-person if the course requires at least one in-person meeting per semester. This excludes exams.
- Hyflex courses can only be certified as distance learning.

## ***Remedial/Basic Skills***

- Remedial/Basic Skills courses are payable and allowable based on the results of the student's Mathematics and English assessment. These courses **must be taken on campus**. Online or self-paced remedial courses are not allowed.

## ***Dual Majors***

- Please refer to Veterans Counselor.

## ***Dual Objectives***

- Please refer to Veterans Counselor.

## ***Rate of Pursuit for MHA***

- To be eligible for the MHA rates, the student's rate of pursuit **must** be greater than 51% (*greater than and not equal to ½ time status*). During the primary 16-week term, short term courses are calculated differently. Please refer students to the SCO's for clarification.
- Students taking less than full time status will only receive partial housing allowance based on the rate of pursuit and the dates enrolled in classes.
- For additional information regarding rate of pursuit please refer students to the Veterans Services office.



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## Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill Rate of Pursuit Fall and Spring

	<b>Full-time</b>	<b><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> -Time</b>	<b>Greater than <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> Time</b>
16 weeks	12 or more units	9 units	*7 units

## Summer

	<b>Full-time</b>	<b><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> Time</b>	<b>Greater than <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> Time</b>
6 weeks	4 or more units	3 units	*2.5 units
8 weeks	6 or more units	4.5 units	*3 units

\* Rate of pursuit is greater than 51% and will receive MHA.



## San Diego Community College District Counseling Guidelines for Veterans Educational Benefits Dependents (Chapter 35)

### ***Benefits***

- A monthly housing allowance (not MHA) of \$1,488 for full-time status students. Chapter 35 students fees are paid up front.

### ***Ed-Plans***

- Students will only be certified for approved courses as identified on the student education plan or one semester education plan.
- New and returning students who change their major can complete a one semester education plan during drop-in counseling to be eligible for Veteran's Student Services.
- All continuing students must complete a comprehensive educational plan.

### ***Repeating Courses/Prerequisites***

- Course repeats are payable for substandard grades as long as they are required for the degree plan.
- A "D" is a passing grade for most CSU and AA/AS GE. Therefore, a repeat for a "D" grade in general education such as Natural Sciences and Humanities is not allowed for CSU and AA/AS GE.
- A "D" is not passing for IGETC. Therefore, a repeat for a "D" grade for this transfer general education pattern is allowed.
- Prerequisite courses are payable as long as the student has assessed into the course and/or is needed to complete course requirements for the major.

### ***Distance Learning (online) and Monthly Stipend***

- Students can enroll into online courses **exclusively** and receive full Monthly Stipend, except if pursuing a VA approved Certificate of Achievement. For further information, please refer students to the Veterans Services office.
- Hybrid (partially online) courses qualify as in-person if the course requires at least one in-person meeting per semester. This excludes exams.
- Hyflex courses can only be certified as distance learning.

### ***Remedial/Basic Skills***

- Remedial/Basic Skills courses are payable and allowable based on the student's results of the Mathematics and English assessment. These courses must be taken on campus. **Online or self-paced remedial courses are not allowed.**

### ***Dual Majors***

- Please refer to Veterans Counselor.



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## ***Rate of Pursuit for Monthly Stipend***

- Students must enroll into 6 units or more to be eligible for a monthly stipend.
- Students taking less than twelve units will only receive a partial monthly stipend based on the rate of pursuit, see below.
- Tuition and fees will be paid for students who enroll into less than 50%.

Students who enroll into less than 1/2 time should receive a Monthly Stipend equal to the amount of tuition and fees paid for by the student. If a student T&F are less than the monthly stipend, VA will send a lump sum at the start of the term.

### **Chapter 35 Dependents Fall and Spring**

	<b>Full-time</b>	<b><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> Time</b>	<b><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> time</b>	<b><math>\frac{1}{4}</math> time</b>
16 weeks	12 or more units	9 - 11.5 units	6 - 8.5 units	*3 – 5.5

### **Summer**

	<b>Full-time</b>	<b><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> Time</b>	<b><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> Time</b>
6 weeks	4 or more units	3 units	2 units
8 weeks	6 or more units	4.5 units	3 units

\* Students will not receive monthly housing allowance if they are enrolled below  $\frac{1}{2}$  time. Only tuition and fees will be paid.



## **San Diego Community College District Counseling Guidelines for Veterans Educational Benefits Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) (Chapter 31)**

### ***Benefits***

- Full tuition and fees are paid directly to the school for full-time and part time student veterans.
- The monthly housing allowance (MHA) for the SDCCD College zip code (92108) is \$3792 for full-time status if also eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill. If the student is not eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill, please refer the student to their VR&E counselor for more information. Without Post 9/11 eligibility, the allowance is \$724.00. Must get approval from vocational rehabilitation counselor for MHA.
- All required textbooks are paid by the VA.

### ***Education Plans***

- Students will only be certified for approved courses as identified on the student education plan or one semester education plan included, or as approved by VR&E counselor. Please check with SCO on approval.
- New and returning students who change their major can complete a one semester education plan during drop-in counseling to be eligible for Veteran's Student Services.
- All continuing students must complete a comprehensive educational plan.

### ***Repeating Courses/Prerequisites***

- VRE counselors may approve classes that may not fit into a plan. Justification and documentation is required.
- Course repeats are payable for substandard grades as long as they are required for the degree plan.
- A "D" is a passing grade for most CSU and AA/AS GE. Therefore, a repeat for a "D" grade in general education such as Natural Sciences and Humanities is not allowed for CSU and AA/AS GE.
- A "D" is not passing for IGETC. Therefore, a repeat for a "D" grade for this transfer general education pattern is allowed.
- Prerequisite courses are payable as long as the student has assessed into the course and/or is needed to complete course requirements for the major.

### ***Distance Learning (online) and MHA***

- If a student's enrollment is a combination of distance learning and on-campus (At least one course on-campus) they will receive the full MHA, \$3792 if the student is full-time and eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill.
- Students enrolled exclusively in distance learning courses (100% Online) are eligible for monthly housing allowance and will receive \$916 for full-time status for post 9/11 eligibility. Without post 9/11 eligibility, the rate is \$724.



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- Hybrid (partially online) courses qualify as in-person if the course requires at least one in-person meeting per semester. This excludes exams.
- Hyflex courses can only be certified as distance learning.

## **Remedial/Basic Skills**

- Remedial/Basic Skills courses are payable and allowable if based on the results of the Mathematics and English assessment. These courses must be taken on campus. **Online or self-paced remedial courses are not allowed.**

## **Dual Majors**

- Please refer to Veterans Counselor.

## **Rate of Pursuit for MHA**

- To be eligible for the MHA rates, the student's rate of pursuit must be greater than 51% (*greater than and not equal to ½ time status*).
- Students taking less than twelve units will only receive partial housing allowance based on the rate of pursuit.
- For additional information regarding rate of pursuit please refer students to the Veterans Services office.

### **Chapter 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) Fall and Spring**

	<b>Full-time</b>	<b><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> -Time</b>	<b>Greater than <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> Time</b>
16 weeks	12 or more units	9 units	*7 units

### **Summer**

	<b>Full-time</b>	<b><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> Time</b>	<b>Greater than <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> Time</b>
6 weeks	4 or more units	3 units	*2.5 units
8 weeks	6 or more units	4.5 units	*3 units

\* Rate of pursuit is greater than 51% and will receive MHA.



## **San Diego Community College District Other Veterans Educational Benefits**

### ***Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve***

- Ed-Plan - Follow the same guidelines as Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Small percentage of students utilize this benefit
- For additional information please refer students to the Veterans Services office

### ***Chapter 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance Program***

- Ed-Plan - Follow the same guidelines as Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Small percentage of students utilize this benefit
- For additional information please refer students to the Veterans Services office

### ***Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill***

- Ed-Plan - Follow the same guidelines as Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Small percentage of students utilize this benefit
- For additional information please refer students to the Veterans Services office