

VA Student Information

Each of the Veterans Benefits below provides the following assistance:

- * **Chapter 30** – Pays the Student a Monthly Stipend for school attendance.
- Chapter 31** – Pays tuition, fees, and books directly to the College; also pays a monthly stipend.
- Chapter 33** – Pays tuition and fees directly the College; Monthly Stipend & book allowance paid to student.
- * **Chapter 35** – Pays the Student a Monthly Stipend for school attendance.
- * **Chapter 1606** – Pays the Student a Monthly Stipend for school attendance.
- * **Chapter 1607** – Pays the Student a Monthly Stipend for school attendance.
- Hazlewood Act** – Exempts tuition and most fees

*Does **not** pay tuition or fees directly to CBC; Students are responsible for paying all tuition and fees, as well as making arrangements with CBC business office, in order to ensure that they do not get dropped from classes each semester. Department of Veterans **Administration** will pay all benefits one month **after** the benefit is used.

Official transcripts for every college ever attended and military transcripts must be forwarded directly to CBC registration office before the end of the first semester of enrolling in CBC. An official copy is one that is mailed directly to the college and not issued to student **unless** it is in an official school envelope with seal. These transcripts will be evaluated during the first semester of enrollment at CBC as required by VA. Failure to provide an official transcript will result in non-certification and non-payment.

Students having prior college history should not register for any elective courses until transcripts are evaluated.

NOTE: CBC cannot evaluate credits that were taken at another college without an official transcript from that college. Courses posted on a school's transcript from different college cannot/will not be evaluated.

Catalog. Remain in the catalog year of first enrollment. The catalog selected cannot be dated more than 5 years prior to the expected graduation date.

Degree Plan. Remember that **ONLY** courses that are **REQUIRED** for completion of selected degree plan at CBC can be certified to VA. Exceptions: (1) Substitution Form (2) valid prerequisite for required course, and (3) to "round out" only in graduating semester. Courses that have previously received a passing grade cannot be certified.

Maintaining GPA. Maintain the cumulative grade point average as listed in current CBC college catalog. Failure to do so will be reported to VA as making unsatisfactory progress and benefits will be terminated at the end of the semester.

Remedial Courses. VA will pay for remedial courses, **only if** placement scores justify the need. Remedial courses are not authorized if student is repeating any remedial course more than one time after receiving a "D", "F", or "NC." Students requesting certification for a remedial a 3rd time must see coordinator for waiver requirements.

Military Service Records. Most Veterans or next-of-kin can request can request free copies of their DD214 (Report of Separation) and other military/medical documents on-line at www.archives.gov, visit website for details.

Contacting Muskogee. The VA Interactive Phone System is available 24 hour a day. Dial **1-888-442-4551**. The system's automated functions can provide general information about benefits, how to apply, etc. A Veteran can access his/her own record to obtain date of last benefit payment, check amounts, etc. Please utilize the automated system as much as possible. **Note:** During working hours, you may speak directly to a person at Muskogee. You can bypass the automated system's messages by hitting 1 and then 0 after the recording starts (1 bypass the national recording and 0 transfers you to an operator).

Internet Inquiry System. The VA Inquiry Routing and Information System (IRIS) provides a secure platform to communicate with VA. It is also available to both VA students and certifying officials. To set up an Internet Inquiry System account, go to www.gibill.va.gov and click the “Contact Us” tab at the top of page; then click on “Ask a Question” link.

Department of Veterans Affairs

P.O. Box 8888

Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

Phone: 1-888-442-4551 Prompts 1 then 0

Apply for **MGIB** (MGIB AD – Montgomery GI Bill for Active Duty; and MGIB SR – Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve) Benefits through www.gibill.va.gov

Verify Monthly Enrollment (Chapter 30, 32, 1606, and 1607 students)

W.A.V.E (Web Automated Verification Enrollment) – www.gibill.va.gov/wave, or call 1-877-823-2378

Apply for admissions to Coastal Bend College (through Apply Texas)

Website: <http://www.applytexas.org>

Coastal Bend College Departments (Beeville Campus)

Office of the Admissions/Registrar

Located in R. W. Dirks Building

Phone: 361-354-2245

Business Office

Located in Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building

Phone: 361-354-2220

Financial Aid

Located in R. W. Dirks Building

Phone: 361-354-2239

Bookstore

Located James R. Dougherty Building

Phone: 361-354-2290

Advising/Housing

Located in R. W. Dirks Building

Phone: 361-354-2304