

Veterans Assistance

Credit programs at Coastal Pines Technical College are approved for Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits. Students eligible for Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits should contact the Financial Aid Office. Application forms and assistance in filing for education benefits are available online at www.va.gov.

- Veterans must attend scheduled classes and continue to show satisfactory progress. Benefit payments will not be made for courses from which the student does not continue to attend.
- Receiving Veterans Affairs Education Benefits does not prevent a student from applying or receiving other forms of financial aid

Students utilizing Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) and Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill):

1. Veterans using Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits can attend Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) for a term provided the student submits a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 (a "certificate of eligibility" can also include a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for Chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- a. The date on which payment from VA is made to CPTC;
- b. 90 days after the date CPTC certifies tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

2. CPTC will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, and will not require eligible veteran students to borrow additional funds because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to CPTC due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or 33.

3. Coastal Pines Technical College requires the following information in order to process Veterans Benefits under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill:

- a. Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance no later than the first day of the term for which benefits are being requested;
- b. Submit a written request to the CPTC School Certifying Official (SCO) to use such entitlement;
- c. Provide additional information necessary for proper certification of enrollment by the CPTC School Certifying Official (SCO).

4. Students are required to pay any balance due for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the student's financial obligation and the amount of the VA education benefit disbursement by the established payment deadline for the term. Balances not paid by the stated deadline may be imposed additional fees.

Books and supplies for individuals covered under chapter 33 are an out-of-pocket expense. The covered student will receive a stipend from the VA and this may or may not arrive before the first of the semester. Other forms of financial aid may be used in the Bookstore at the beginning of the term.

Students covered under chapter 31 will be allowed to purchase books and supplies per the terms of their contract.

For specific questions regarding individual eligibility, call the VA Atlanta Regional Processing Office at 1-800-827-1000 or visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.