



1. Apply for Your VA Education Benefits

Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33)

If you've served on active duty after September 10, 2001, you may qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which can pay up to 100% of tuition and fees plus a Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) stipend at the E-5 with dependents rate (rates differ for full-time vs part-time enrollment). Current MHA rates for CU campuses (at 100%):

- ❖ Bloomsburg - \$1494
- ❖ Lock Haven - \$1473
- ❖ Mansfield - \$1404

Apply online: <https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-benefits-form-22-1990/introduction>

Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB-AD) (Chapter 30)

If you've served at least 2 years on active duty, you may qualify for the MGIB-AD program - current rate for full-time enrollment is \$2,518.00 a month.

Learn more and apply: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/>

Veteran Readiness & Employment Program (Chapter 31)

For Veterans or service members with a service-connected disability that impacts your ability to work, the VR&E program provides assistance with tuition and fees, housing allowance, as well as books and supplies.

Learn more and apply: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/programs/>

After You Apply

The VA will mail or email you a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)**

Save this document — you must submit it to the point of contact below before your benefits can be certified

- ❖ Bloomsburg – Amanda Kern – akern@commonwealthu.edu
- ❖ Lock Haven – Beth Vuocolo – [bvucolo@commonwealthu.edu](mailto:bvuocolo@commonwealthu.edu)
- ❖ Mansfield – Stacie Rosewood-Boyskey – srosewoo@commonwealthu.edu



Register for classes once your COE is submitted

2. Verify Your Enrollment Monthly

To continue receiving VA housing and stipend payments, you must verify your enrollment **every month**.

Verify at: <https://www.va.gov/education/verify-school-enrollment/>

This is important! Failure to verify for two months may pause your payments — so set a calendar reminder!

3. Send Your Military Transcripts for Credit Review

Commonwealth University's **Military Credit for Prior Learning** program evaluates your military training and experience and converts it into academic credit.

How to Submit Your Joint Service Transcript (JST) or Air Force Transcript

Download your JST from the [JST Homepage](#) or your Community College of the Air Force Transcript from the [Air University Registrar Homepage](#)

Email your **military transcript and DD214** to transcripts@commonwealthu.edu

Graduates of Basic Training and Advanced Training automatically receive 12 academic credits. If you have additional service time, deployments, specialized certifications, or military schooling, you are encouraged to apply for more.

To begin, email cshiffer@commonwealthu.edu and request to participate in the MCPL review process. We will schedule a meeting to review your military education and help you prepare the documentation needed for submission to the Credit for Prior Learning office.

Early submission is strongly recommended so credit can be applied before advising and course scheduling.

4. Your CommonwealthU Next Steps (Checklist)

- ✓ Apply for your GI Bill® benefit
- ✓ Receive and submit your **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)**
- ✓ Send your **JST** to transcripts@commonwealthu.edu

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- ✓ Register for courses
 - ✓ Verify enrollment with VA each month
 - ✓ Contact the Military & Veterans Resources Office if you need assistance
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We're Here to Support You

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania – Military & Veterans Resources Office

Helping student-veterans and servicemembers succeed from day one.

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