How to get started at CSU- Pueblo

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT (chapter 31)

* **APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO CSU-P**[WWW.CSUPUEBLO.EDU](http://WWW.CSUPUEBLO.EDU).CLICK ON ***APPLY NOW*.** THEN ***COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION*** USE **CODE : VEB** TO WAIVE FEE  
  BE SURE TO SAY **YES** FOR **COF** (COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND)
* **MILITARY & VETERANS PROGRAMS OFFICES**• VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS- 719.549.2910  
  • VETERANS UPWARD BOUND- 719.549.2824  
  • VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER- 719.549.2875  
  • VETERANS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM- 719.549.2737
* **ACCUPLACER TESTING**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED COLLEGE-LEVEL ENGLISH OR ALGEBRA, YOU MAY REQUEST A TESTING WAIVER WITH YOUR UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS AT OUR TESTING CENTER.  
  • CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ENRICMENT- RM: LARC 151 719.549.2584
* **ORDER OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** FROM ALL PREVIOUS INSTITUTIONS.  
  •SEND TO: 2200 BONFORTE BLVD, PUEBLO, CO 81001 ATTN: REGISTAR OFFICE
* **ORDER JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPTS** TO RECEIVE POSSIBLE CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING – <HTTPS://JST.DODED.MIL>
* **IN-STATE TUITION RATES** VISIT [http://www.gocsupueblo.com/financialaid/Pages/  
  FinancialAid.aspx](http://www.gocsupueblo.com/financialaid/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx)  
  •**COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND “COF STIPEND”** – COF IS NOT A FINANCIAL AID RESOURCE, IT IS A BILLING STIPEND PROVIDED TO COLORADO RESIDENTS.  
  https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/Home/COF/College\_Opportunity\_Fund.aspx
* **APPLY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)** – [WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV)   
  •A PELL GRANT CAN HELP WITH ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THE VA. CHECK YOUR STUDENT PORTAL FOR FINANCIAL AID NOTIFICATIONS.
* **CHOOSING A MAJOR** IF YOU NEED HELP CHOOSING WHAT TO STUDY TAKE THE STRONG INTREST ASSESMENT.  
  •CAREER SERVICES OFFICE: LARC 187 719.549.2289
* **SEE AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR** IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE SELECTING YOUR CLASSES.  
  • CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ENRICMENT- RM: LARC 151 719.549.2584
* **REGISTER FOR CLASSES**
* **VETERANS UPWARD BOUND** FREE DEVELOPMENTAL CLASSES, TUTORING, AND TRANSISTION ASSISTANCE.  
  •LARC 374 719.549.2824
* **PURCHASE YOUR TEXTBOOKS**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING YOUR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES. SINCE VA FUNDING MAY NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER YOUR CLASSES BEGIN, IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED YOU HAVE ALTERNATE FUNDING AVAILABLE.

HOW TO USE YOUR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (chapter 31)

THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E) PROGRAM, SOMETIMES REFFERED TO AS CHAPTER 31 OR VOCREHAB, HELPS WITH VETERANS WITH SERVICE- CONNECTED DISABILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT HANDICAPS PREPARE FOR, FIND, AND KEEP SUITABLE JOBS.

TO APPLY:

* LOG INTO YOUR eBENEFITS ACCOUNT AT <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>
* SELECT ***APPLY***
* SELECT ***VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS***
* APPLY FOR ***EDUCATIONAL AND*** ***CAREER COUNSELING***
* IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, YOU WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN ORIENTATION SESSION AT THE NEAREST VA REGIONAL OFFICE

IF YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SERVICES, YOU AND YOUR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR WILL WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A REHABILITATION PLLAN AND EMPLOYMENT NEEDS.

**IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU UNDERSTAND HOW THIS PROGRAM WORKS AND WHAT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE. YOUR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR IS YOUR PRIMARY CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR BENEFITS IF YOU NEED ANY CLARIFICATION.**

HELPFUL HINTS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS

* YOUR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR MUST AUTHORIZE YOUR DEGREE PLAN AND CLASSES.
* THE VA WILL ONLY PAY FOR CLASSES LISTED IN YOUR DEGREE.
* THE VA WILL NOT PAY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL CLASSES (UNDER 100 LEVEL) IN EITHER ONLINE OR HYBRID FORMAT WITHOUT VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR APPROVAL.
* THE VA CONSIDERS HYBRID CLASSES TO BE ONLINE.
* AUTHORIZED BOOKSTORE CHARGES ARE LIMITED TO REQUIRED BOOKS AND SUPPLIES AND HAVE A SET DOLLAR LIMIT.
* MILITARY & VETERANS PROGRAM’S ACADEMIC ADVISORS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS.
* CHECK YOUR STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT REGULARLY. THIS IS OUR PRIMARY METHOD OF COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS.