How to get started at CSU- Pueblo

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* **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
* **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**

**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

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COMPLETE THE VONAPP AT [WWW.VABENEFITS.VBA.VA.GOV](http://WWW.VABENEFITS.VBA.VA.GOV)

* FOR CHAPTER 35 EDUCATION BENEFITS COMPLETE:

**VA FORM 22-5490 – APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS**

* IF TRANSFERRING YOUR CHAPTER 35 EDUCATION BENEFITS FROM YOUR PREVIOUS INSTITUTION TO CSU-P COMPLETE: **VA FORM 22-5495 – CHANGE OF PLACE OF TRAINING**

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY CSU-P

* YOUR **APPLICATION CONFIRMATION PAGE**. THIS WILL BE EITHER:
* • **VA FORM 22-5490**

OR

•**VA FORM 5495**

* YOUR **CERTIFICATE OF ELEGIBILITY (COE)** ONCE IT IS RECEIVED.
* A **CERTIFICATION REQUEST** MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED AT **VEB**, SO BRING A COPY OF YOUR **CLASS SCHEDULE** TO   
  • VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS OFFICE: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RM 103A  
  719.549.2910  
    
  *THIS LETS US KNOW THAT YOU WISH TO USE YOUR BENEFITS TOWARDS YOUR TUITION AND FEES AT CSU-P AND STARTS THE PAYMENT PROCESS.*

**WITHOUT THESE DOCUMENTS CSU-P WILL BE UNABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR SCHEDULE TO THE VA FOR PAYMENT. YOU WILL BE RESOPONSIBLE FOR PAYING YOUR TUITION BILL!**

CONTACT THE VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS OFFICE IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS. WE CAN BE REACHED AT **719.549.2910** OR AT [**VEB@CSUPUEBLO.EDU**](mailto:VEB@CSUPUEBLO.EDU) OR IN **ROOM** **103A** IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (2200 BONFORTE BLVD, PUEBLO, CO 81001).

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERSTANING HOW YOUR BENEFITS WORK. FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION VISIT** [**WWW.GIBILL.VA.GOV**](http://WWW.GIBILL.VA.GOV) **OR CALL 1.888.442.4551**

HELPFUL HINTS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS

* THE VA WILL ONLY PAY FOR CLASSES LISTED IN DEGREE PLAN.
* THE VA DOES NOT PAY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL CLASSES (UNDER 100) IN EITHER ONLINE OR HYBRID FORMAT.
* THE VA CONSIDERS HYBRID CLASSES TO BE ONLINE.
* FOR FULL MAH, YOU MUST BE FULL TIME FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF EACH SEMESTER. (AT LEAST 12 CREDIT HRS FOR SPRING AND FALL, AND 7 CREDIT HRS FOR SUMMER).
* MILITARY& VETERANS PROGRAM’SACADEMIC ADVISORS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS.
* CHECK YOUR STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT REGULARLY. THIS IS OUR PRIMARY METHOD OF COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS.