

# VETERANS

## STEPS TO SUCCESS

- Apply to Lorain County Community College at <https://apply.lorainccc.edu/>
- Determine your eligibility, what benefits do you qualify for? (See pages 2-4)  
**\*If eligible for MGIB & Post 9/11, Speak with a Veteran's School Certifying Official to know what your options are.**
- Submit your VA benefit application on VONAPP (<https://vabenefits.vba.va.gov>). When the VA approves your application (process takes 4-6 weeks), they will send you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). You **MUST** submit a copy of your **VA Certificate of Eligibility** and your **DD-214: Member 4 Copy** to the GI Bill Certifier at LCCC once
- To alleviate paying out of pocket initially for tuition, books and other supplies, students can file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
  - LCCC's federal school code: 003068
  - FAFSA is an application for federal financial assistance , which includes grants, loans and scholarships. Please contact Financial Services with questions at (440)366-4034.
- Request your Military transcripts at <https://jst.doded.mil>, Air Force transcripts at [www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcript.asp](http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcript.asp) official high school transcripts, and college transcripts (if attended) to be sent to LCCC. (See page 5)
- Take the Accuplacer placement test (if needed).
  - The Accuplacer test is available at the LCCC Elyria campus and any LCCC Learning Center location. ( <https://www.lorainccc.edu/testing-and-assessment/> )
- Set up MyCampus using your LCCC student number and complete the College Student Inventory (CSI) and the New Student Orientation.
  - New Student Orientation can also be attended in-person at the LCCC Elyria campus, you can schedule the date and time [at www.lorainccc.edu/orientation](http://www.lorainccc.edu/orientation)
- Visit the VMSMC or Enrollment Services to make an appointment with your Assigned Advisor to **SCHEDULE YOUR CLASSES!** If at anytime you get overwhelmed or confused please don't hesitate to visit or call the Veteran and Military Service Member Center (440) 366- SERV (7378).

**MAKE SURE THAT YOU NOTIFY THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR THAT YOU ARE A VETERAN USING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS. AS A VETERAN, ONLY CLASSES APPLICABLE TO YOUR DEGREE PROGRAM WILL BE APPROVED.**

# Veterans Education Benefits

## **MONTGOMERY GI BILL** **CHAPTER 30**

Under Chapter 30, active duty members enroll and pay \$100/month for 12 months and are entitled to receive a monthly education benefit, once they have completed a minimum service obligation. Eligible Veterans have 10 years after leaving the military to use this benefit. Student is responsible for the cost of tuition.

## **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION** **CHAPTER 31**

Veterans with a service connected disability rating of at least 20%, are eligible. VA pays training cost, such as tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment. VA will also pay a monthly benefit to help with living expenses. The VA pays the school directly.

## **MONTGOMERY BILL FOR RESERVIST** **CHAPTER 1606**

A reservist soldier must be actively drilling and have a 6 year obligation in the selected Reserve to be eligible for this program. Student is responsible for the cost of tuition.

## **SURVIVORS & DEPENDENTS ASSISTANCE** **CHAPTER 35**

Dependents educational assistance provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. VA pays the school directly.

## **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Provides 100% tuition to Army and Air Guard members attending public college or university. An equivalent amount that is the average state university tuition charge can be applied toward the costs at a private, proprietary institution. The scholarship is available for up to eight (8) fulltime semesters or four years in total. ONG pays the school directly.

## **FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE**

The Tuition Assistance (TA) program provides financial assistance for academic programs such as Associate's Bachelor's, or Master's degree; TA is not authorized for programs of study beyond a Master's degree. The semester cap is \$250 for Tuition Assistance (TA) and an annual ceiling of \$4,500 for up to 16 semester hours of TA funded courses per fiscal year.

## **POST 9/11 GI BILL CHAPTER 33**

You are eligible if you have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after September 10, 2001, or honorably discharged from active duty for service connected disability after serving 30 continuous days following September 10, 2001. Based on a percentage chart in determining amount of benefit awarded reflecting active duty time served determines the 5 eligible for that can be used for 15 years after separation. Additional benefits include: tuition and fee payment paid to your school. MHA or BAH, and book and supplies stipend up to \$1,000/year.

# Which veterans education benefit should I use?

## STILL SERVING?

### ACTIVE DUTY

- Tuition assistance

### RESERVIST/NATIONAL GUARD

- **Deployment?**

- \* ONGSP (NG ONLY)
- \* Chapter 33
- \* Post 9/11 GI Bill (cannot switch after applying)
- \* Tuition assistance

- **No Deployment?**

- \* ONGSP (NG ONLY) + 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill for select reserves)
- \* Tuition assistance

## DEPENDENT?

- T.O.E—Veteran applies for transferring benefits and recipient completes 22-1990
- Chapter 33—Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 35—Dependents Educational Assistance

## VETERAN?

- Chapter 30—Montgomery GI Bill (more beneficial to exhaust, then switch to CH33)
- Service connected disability? CH 31—Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 Bill (cannot switch after applying)



## HOW TO ORDER YOUR MILITARY TRANSCRIPTS



Depending on what training you received in the military, you may be able to turn that into academic credit. Once you have enrolled in LCCC, please have your military transcripts evaluated.

The Joint Services Transcript (JST) is now the official transcript tool for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel. Veterans can order official transcripts by going to <https://jst.doded.mil/> and submitting a request by mail/fax or using their common Access Card (CAC).

### **SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS TO:**

**Lorain County Community College  
Attn: Transfer Center  
1005 N. Abbe Rd.  
Elyria, OH. 44035**

- Please note: LCCC will not accept transcripts that are not sealed
- This process can take up to 4 weeks
- Keep an eye on your LCCC student email to receive notification that your transcript was evaluated
- An advisor will explain as to how credits are applied to your specific degree
- Additionally, remember to submit previous transcripts from other attended colleges/ universities and official high school to transcripts to ensure an easier transition

# **VETERAN SUPPORT TEAM**

## **LOCATED IN COLLEGE CENTER**

### **VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER CENTER (VMSSMC)**

Assists all veterans, guardsman, reservists, and their dependents with transitioning from life in the military to a successful educational pathway. The center can also, assist in directing Students with resources on and off campus. The Center is the vocal point to our Veterans Services.

#### I. Director– Bruce Weigl

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#### II. Contacts

- Phone: (440) 366-7378
- Fax: (440) 366-4647
- Email: [VETSERV@lorainccc.edu](mailto:VETSERV@lorainccc.edu)

### **VETERANS CERTIFYING OFFICIAL**

The Certifying Official is responsible for the process and managing Veteran's education benefit paperwork in accordance with Federal and State guidelines. Calculating and certifying VA education benefits and entitlements for Military students and dependents. Providing prospective and incoming enrolled and actively attending students with assistance and guidance to successfully finance their education using VA education benefits.

#### I. Myriam Cordy & Michael Weston

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## **VETERANS ACADEMIC ADVISOR**

LCCC Academic Advisor is a dedicated professional to whose primary goals include helping students successfully complete their coursework , persist in their degree/certificate programs, graduate in a timely manner. Your advisor can help students develop strategies for success.

### **I. Esperanza “Espy” Correa**

- Phone: (440) 366-7321
- Appointment: <https://loraincountycommunitycollege.as.me/>
- Email: [ecorrea1@loraincc.edu](mailto:ecorrea1@loraincc.edu)

## **PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA)**

PLA reduces the amount of time it takes to complete a certificate or degree by using the learning and skills you received while in the military to earn college credit.

### **I. Carrie Delaney**

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