Veterans Student Services

Veteran Resource and Opportunity Center (V-ROC)

Building 9, Room 151
Phone: (650) 306-3250
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The Veterans Resource and Opportunity Center (VROC) is a dedicated space for student veterans, active duty service members, reservists, dependents, and supporters. VROC is an ideal space to meet other military affiliated students, meet with staff, study, conduct study groups, and to learn about additional resources. The office provides computers, free printing, a silent study room, TV, and weekly refreshments. Workshops and activities with Cañada's Veterans Services Team and veteran community partners are held on Tuesdays in VROC between 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. to assist student veterans with understanding and accessing their benefits and other resources. For additional information about VROC and its services, please contact (650) 381-3250 or email canveterans@my.smccd.edu.

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Student Support Services: (650) 306-3250
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Cañada College is approved to certify veteran students under the GI Bill® who are pursuing: 1) an AA/AS degree, or 2) an approved transfer program. Those interested in attending Cañada College under any chapter should contact the Veterans Administration Office to determine eligibility for benefits. College Policy regarding Academic Probation (explained on pg. 31) applies to all students. Veteran students placed on Academic Probation for failure to maintain a 2.0 grade point average must improve their GPA within the following two semesters or the college is required to report a termination of veteran's benefits due to an unsatisfactory academic progress (as defined by the Department of Veterans Affairs). More information is available from the Veteran's Assistant. The VA Regional Office maintains a toll-free number (1-800-827-1000) from 0800 to 1600, Monday – Friday. Interested veterans can visit the VROC Center or call (650) 306-3250 for more information.

For information on the Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 please visit: https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/isaksonroe.asp

Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018

The Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-407) was signed into law on December 31, 2018. This law has five sections pertinent to the administration of Veterans' educational or training benefits with two of the provisions directly affecting schools. The first of these provisions will be implemented in August.

Beginning on August 1, 2019, educational institutions must have a policy in place allowing GI Bill® and VR&E beneficiaries (Chapter 33 and Chapter 31 beneficiaries) to attend a course of education or training for up to 90 days from the date the beneficiary provides a certificate of eligibility, or valid VAF 28-1905. This allows a student to attend the course until VA provides payment to the institution. The educational institution must also have a policy to not impose a penalty, or require the beneficiary to borrow additional funds to cover tuition and fees due to late payments from VA. Section 103 requires a State Approving Agency (SAA), or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) when acting in the role of the SAA, to disapprove certain courses of education. VA can grant a waiver to these requirements.

(GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.)

Military Service Credit

San Mateo County Community College District will award credit for completion of basic military training. Other official documentation verifying basic training may be considered in awarding military service credit.

Qualifying students are:

- Awarded 3 units of credit for the local associate degree general education Area 7
- Additionally, students will be awarded six units of local associate degree applicable elective credit.

Please Note:

- In the first semester of attendance, eligible students must submit a Joint Services Transcript (JST), or other official documentation verifying Basic Training (BP 6.18). All students with a Joint Services Transcript must request an official copy from the Joint Services Transcript website to be sent to your SMCCD home college. Students can view their Transcript Evaluation Success Plan and check for updates, by logging into mySMCCCD Student Portal and selecting "Student Success Link".
- Students intending to transfer to a four-year college or university should consult with their

college counselor to determine how basic military training (boot camp) may be applied toward transfer admission credit.

- Credit earned for prior learning will be clearly identified in the student's academic record, and these units will not be counted in determining the 12-unit residency requirement for the associate degree. (Title 5: 55050)
- **Please Note:** This policy does not apply to Cal-GETC