Student Veteran Checklist

Step 1: Complete the Following:

☐ Complete an on-line admissions application (http://ccc.edu/services/Pages/Apply-for-College.aspx)

☐ Check in with your College’s Veteran Services Specialist, Dana McCullough in room 106 (312-553-5717). See College Veteran Services link: (http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/washington/departments/Pages/Veterans-Services.aspx)

☐ Apply for VA Educational Benefits (www.gibill.va.gov)

☐ Apply for IVG/ING Grants (http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/grants/illinois-veteran-grant-(ivg)-program.html)

☐ Request/acquire copies of your DD214 (www.archives.gov)

☐ Complete a FAFSA application (www.fafsa.ed.gov). The school code for Harold Washington is: 001652

☐ Request copies of your college and/or military transcripts. (https://jst.doded.mil/official.html) Note: Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for the initial Academic Advising appointment, but you are still required to submit an official copy to the Registrar’s Office

☐ Once you have received your confirmation email with your student ID number, activate your student account: https://my.ccc.edu. The first time you login, click “Retrieve your Username” and enter the ID number you received along with your birthdate, and then type the characters from the image code on the page (case sensitive). You will be given your Username and CCC E-mail address and be prompted to create a password. It is recommended that you create challenge questions at this point and that you write down your username and password in a safe place. You will use the new Username and password to access your CCC E-mail, My.CCC.Edu, Blackboard (ccc.blackboard.com), and GradesFirst.

☐ As a CCC student, faculty and staff will send important correspondence to your CCC e-mail address. Make sure you can login here: CCC student email. If you prefer to forward it to another email account that you regularly check, follow the instructions here: http://www.ccc.edu/services/Pages/Manage-Email-Preferences.aspx

☐ Register for New Student Orientation (walk-ins are discouraged, RSVP required). Available dates & times can be found at: http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/washington/services/pages/student-orientation.aspx Note: Orientation can be waived if student has a transcript documenting at least 15 passing college credit hours.
Step 2: Admissions Process

On your first trip to campus typically on your Orientation date you must:

- Visit your College’s Veteran Services Center in room 106
- Once you have received a confirmation email with your student ID number, you must confirm your residency with one of the following documents:
  - Current state ID or driver’s license
  - Utility bill (i.e. gas, electricity, phone)
  - Voter registration card
  - Copy of your current lease
- Attend the New Student Orientation (room location varies - be sure to check your ticket). As previously noted: Orientation can be waived if student as a transcript documenting at least 15 passing college credit hours.
- Take a placement exam for math, reading, and writing in room 402
  - Study guides are available at [www.ccc.edu/services/Pages/COMPASS-Preparation.aspx](http://www.ccc.edu/services/Pages/COMPASS-Preparation.aspx).
  - Placement test can be waived if you are:
    - A transfer student who has earned a grade of "C" or better in college-level English and/or math or if you have previously earned an Associate Degree or higher from an accredited college or university. You must submit an official transcript verifying successful completion and may still be required to submit a written essay
    - A high school graduate with qualifying ACT test scores. Scores must be less than 2 years old. You may obtain a copy of your ACT test scores by contacting your high school advisor or ACT at (319) 337-1000
- Schedule an appointment with a Veteran Advisor to register for classes. The Veteran Advisor at Harold Washington College is: Charles McSweeney (312-553-5866)

Step 3: Advising

- Meet with your Veteran Advisor to register for classes and map out an Education Plan

Step 4: Financial Aid Office (Room 202)

- Contact College’s Veteran Certifying Official: Alma Gaona (312-553-5803)
- Check VA Educational Benefits/Financial Aid Status
- Submit Eligibility Documents AND a copy of Education Plan
- Check Book Voucher Status (if applicable)

NOTE: Students not using financial aid must visit the Business Office to set-up a payment plan.

Next Steps:

- Obtain student ID card in room 103
- Attend your first class
Additional Resources & Services (additional services such as childcare and fitness centers may be available and vary by campus):

Career Planning & Placement Center (Room 1140)
Disability Access Center (room 1107)
Learning Resource Center for tutoring (room 409)
Library: [http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/washington/departments/Pages/Library-System.aspx](http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/washington/departments/Pages/Library-System.aspx)
Math Tutoring (room 702)
Transfer Center (room 101B)
Veterans Center (room 106)
Wellness Center (room 1118)
Writing Lab (room 203A)
Applied Sciences Tutoring (7th floor)
Science Tutoring (Room 923)
Art Tutoring (8th floor)
Music Tutoring (3rd floor)