

VETERANS & MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS

ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

STEP 1: APPLY FOR ADMISSION

- Review [ADMISSIONS](#) requirements and apply:
- Please note that 30-90 minutes after applying, you should receive an e-mail from AccountManagement@ccc.edu with your CCC login credentials. Look for the subject line: "Your City Colleges of Chicago login information".
- Visit the Student Portal at [MY.CCC.EDU](#)
- Contact [VETERANS SERVICES CENTER](#) at your Campus
- Additional documents: DD214, Certificate of Eligibility VA Education Benefits

STEP 2: PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- [Find a Program](#)
- [TUITION & RATES](#)
- If you are using financial aid, please be sure to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid [FAFSA](#) as soon as possible (HW code 001652).

VA BENEFITS:

- [Post 9/11 GI Bill®](#) – Chapter 33 ([Program Information](#))
- [Montgomery GI Bill®](#) – Chapter 30
- [Montgomery GI Bill® Select Reserve](#) – Chapter 1606
- [Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment \(VR&E\)](#) – Chapter 31 ([Program Information](#))
- [Dependents' Educational Assistance](#) – Chapter 35 (also apply for MIA-POW Scholarship)
- [Federal Tuition Assistance Program](#) ([Program Information](#))
- State Benefits: [IL. National Guard](#), [IVG](#)- II. Veteran Grant, [MIA-POW](#) – (apply for this also if sing Chapter 35 Benefits)
- [Scholarship](#) – Internal and External
 - ❖ **Make sure you submit Declaration Form Indicating all benefits used for attendance and certify with VA every month if required**

Veteran Additional Resources:

- [Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs](#)
- [Veteran Service Officers](#) (VSOs)
- [Department of Labor](#) - Veterans' Services
- [Vet Centers](#)
- [Veterans' Health Administration](#) - Locations
- [Veterans Guide for Academic Aid and Programs](#)
- [Illinois Joining Forces \(IJF\)](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs](#)
- [Benefit Comparison Tools](#)
- [Disability Access Center](#)
- [Wellness Center](#)

STEP 3: EARLY LEARNING CREDIT AND PLACEMENT

- Submit official military transcripts to Registrar. For Joint Services Transcript (JST) go to: [jst.doded.mil/jst/](#)
- For Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) go to: [airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/](#)
- Check the Testing Center website for information on how to earn additional prior learning credits through CLEP and standardized exams at: <https://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Testing-Resources.aspx>

STEP 4: AFTER ACCEPTANCE

- Students can RSVP for New Student Orientation by logging in to the Student Portal. Please click the quick access tile (bottom left) and then click the Navigate Icon. NSOR is required for all new students, and it introduces the Harold Washington College, its academic programs, policies, and student support services. Additionally, a self-paced New Student Orientation (NSOR) for Harold Washington is also offered via Brightspace for any new student.
- Attend the veterans and military-affiliated students breakout session.
- Visiting and returning students can meet with a College Advisor for guidance in selecting courses, and assistance with enrollment Virtual Advising is available. To schedule an online appointment with your College Advisor, log into Navigate.

Note: Remember, you are responsible for checking the status of your financial aid via the student portal under "Financial Aid" or by emailing hwc-finaid@ccc.edu. Your FAFSA may require the submission of additional documents which may take up to six weeks. (Click here to learn how to submit verification documents.) If you are not applying for financial aid to pay for courses, you must set up a payment plan or pay in full. Payment arrangements can be completed via the Student Portal under "Student Finance Account" or by emailing hwc-business-office@ccc.edu