

Welcome to Palomar!

This Orientation is to educate Veterans and dependents about the basic information regarding their GI Bill benefits at Palomar College.

Pay attention because you'll be quizzed.

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New Students

- Follow the New Student Checklist, which can be found at www.palomar.edu/veterans or at the Veterans Services Office
- Take advantage of your Veterans Priority Registration
- Enroll in classes through eServices
 - MORE than 6 units of full semester long classes required to receive BAH under Post 9/11
 - Under Post 9/11 at least one class must be on campus to receive the residence BAH rate. If all classes are considered Distance, you will only be eligible for “half of the national average” rate.
- Every semester you’re using your GI Bill, you must fill out a Certification Request in the Veterans Services Office
 - Complete ASAP to prevent delays in payment
- It is your responsibility to understand your benefits. See the VA’s website www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/ and our FAQ’s www.palomar.edu/veterans/faq/

Guest Students

(Taking classes at more than one School)

If Palomar is your Parent School:

- Enroll in the required course at the Guest school
- Request Parent Letter from Palomar's Veterans Office

If Palomar is your Guest School:

- Submit an VA Benefit Coding Request form
- Enroll in the required course(s) at Palomar
- Bring Parent Letter to the Veterans Office
- Submit a Request for Certification

VA Approved Classes

- The VA only approves classes required for your degree
- These tools are used to determine approved classes:
 - Your Degree Evaluation (upon completion)
 - General Ed Advising Guide
http://www.palomar.edu/counseling/general_education.html
 - College Catalog <http://www.palomar.edu/catalog/>
 - Assist.org <http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html>
 - You cannot repeat courses that have been successfully completed or courses for an area that have already been satisfied by previous coursework.
- Remedial classes cannot be taken online (Math 15, ENG 10)

Class Schedule Changes

- After you change your schedule, notify the Veterans Office by:
 - Filling out and ADD/DROP form in person or
 - Email the Veterans Office from your student email
- **IMPORTANT!**
Inform the Veterans Office of any changes in student status ASAP to minimize any debts owed to the VA.

Changing Majors

- You can change your major once every 3 semesters or by counselor discretion
- Steps to change majors:
 1. Schedule an appointment to see a Veterans Counselor
 2. Bring new Declaration of Major and ED Plan to Veterans Office after enrolling for the applicable term

Academic Probation

- The VA requires you to maintain a 2.0 GPA.
- If your term AND cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, you will be placed on Academic Probation
- 3 consecutive semesters of probation results in Academic Dismissal
- While Dismissed, you cannot use VA benefits at Palomar
- After 1 term of not using VA benefits at Palomar, you can petition for reinstatement.
- Palomar College's and the Veterans Office's academic probation/dismissal standards are different
- See the College Catalog for details www.palomar.edu/catalog/

Paying for Classes

- CH's 33 and 31
 - Do not pay tuition/fees!
 - VA will pay the school directly for all approved courses
 - Be sure you're coded as using these benefits so you're not dropped
- CH's 30, 35, 1606, 1607
 - You must pay your tuition within 10 calendar days of enrollment, unless noted by eServices, to prevent being dropped from classes
 - The VA does not send payments to the school

Complete Questionnaire

- Now, you'll be answering a few questions.
- A confirmation page will be sent to the Veterans Office and your email.
- Let's get started! Click the link below.

[Questionnaire](#)