Columbia College Veteran Enrollment Checklist

Items with an * next to them must be completed before priority registration can be granted

☐ Complete the Columbia College Admissions Application.
http://www.gocolumbia.edu/admissions/application.php

☐ Complete a FAFSA application (Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.gov).

☐ Send previous college official transcripts to ATTN: Columbia College Admissions & Records Office, 11600 Columbia College Dr. Sonora, CA 95370.

☐ *Go through the Matriculation Process 1. Meet with VA academic counselor Brian Jensen (588-5130) to create an education plan and to be placed in English and math. 2. Complete the online college orientation.

☐ If you have GI Bill® benefits, complete a Veterans Benefits Application through the Vets.gov website: https://www.vets.gov/education/apply/. You will be sent a Certificate of Eligibility letter in the mail from the VA in 3-4 weeks. Call 1-888-442-4551 for assistance.

☐ Meet with your Certifying Official and turn in the paperwork listed below. Lesley Michtavy, Manzanita Room 202, 588-5232, michtavyl@yosemite.edu

　☐ *Submit a copy of your DD-214 (member 4) to Lesley. To request a copy of your member 4 DD-214 go to: www.archives.gov/veterans or call the VA county office at 533-6280 or visit them at 105 Hospital Road Sonora 95370.

　☐ Submit a copy of your GI Bill® Certificate of Eligibility letter to Lesley. You can take a clear picture of it and email it to me or scan and email it.

　☐ Submit a Certification/Decertification request form to Lesley EACH SEMESTER AFTER YOU REGISTER. Remember only those required (not recommended) courses that lead directly to your program goal can be certified. Be sure to notify Lesley of enrollment and program changes or overpayment/underpayment will occur.

　☐ Submit the completed Terms of Agreement form.

☐ *During your first semester, make an appointment with VA Counselor: Brian Jensen, (588-5130) to create a Comprehensive Educational Plan, this Ed Plan must be submitted to your Certifying Official within your first semester at Columbia. Only general education classes can be certified your first semester prior to obtaining an Ed. Plan.

☐ Enroll in courses. NOTE: VA requires all courses to be your Comprehensive Ed Plan.

☐ Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS) for additional support. 209-588-5130 ➔

☐ Verify your enrollment each month (visit https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave or call 1-877-823-2378. This does NOT apply to Chapter 33, 35 or Chapter 31 students.
To find out information regarding VA benefit payments for attending Columbia College, please use the GI Bill® Comparison Tool https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool or call the VA directly at 800-827-1000.

Columbia College Campus Veteran Benefits & Support

1. Veterans with a minimum of one year of satisfactory service may receive a waiver of the general education Area E requirement. They may also receive two semester units of elective credit and waive institutional physical activity requirements for graduation. Please submit your DD214 to Admissions and Records.

2. The Veteran's Resource Center is located in the Toyon building. Veterans can utilize this quiet area to study, access the internet, print for free and meet with other veterans. You can also meet with our veteran counselor, Brian Jensen, when he has drop-in hours at that location.

3. Columbia College has a full-time mental health counselor, Tamara Oxford, who is located in the Pinyon building. You can make an appointment by calling 588-5346.

4. Admissions and Records offers book vouchers up to $250.00 per semester on a first-come, first-served basis to help those veterans who may not have any other way to pay for books. The vouchers may only be used in our Columbia College bookstore. Chapter 35 DEA students are not eligible for the book voucher.

5. We are also offering limited parking permit vouchers on a first-come, first-served basis for those veterans who need help paying for a semester parking pass. Check in with Admissions and Records for additional information.