



MiraCosta College Community Services GI Bill Presentation

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Different Types of Funding

- Tuition Assistance (and Top-Up)
- MyCAA
- Montgomery GI Bill
- Post 9-11 GI Bill
- VRAP
- Yellow Ribbon

How do I decide what to apply for?

- What kinds of programs do I have available and who is the target audience?
- How do the programs fit into each funding's criteria? (credit, hours, hiring, etc.) – NEXT SLIDE
- Will other departments work with me? (fiscal services, admissions)
- What is my relationship to military personnel/bases?

How do other forms of funding work in conjunction with military funding?

- Veterans Village & Interfaith Services
- WIA

What's Our Story?

- ✓ Scuba Dive Master Program with TA Funding
- ✓ CAPS & VSAT Programs with TA Funding
- ✓ Other attempts at TA Funded Programs
- ✓ Awareness of New GI Bill Opportunity (NCD programs as of October 1, 2011)
- ✓ With the Help of SDSU and Lots of Online Research, Wrote Up 53-Page Work Skills Bulletin
- ✓ Submitted December 2011
- ✓ Lots of Waiting with Questions by VA
- ✓ Approval of 3 of 9 Programs in August 2012
- ✓ First Program Launched October 2012
- ✓ Updating & Adding Programs Now
- ✓ Our Challenge: Marketing

Things to Consider...

- Credit versus Non Credit versus Not-for-Credit

- VA doesn't seem to understand. Lots of confusion with credit and accredited, and how we fit in
- We submitted a Non College Degree application... this is new as of October 2011, so be aware the policies aren't really written for these programs.

- In Class versus Online

- Must be in-house.
- No third party vendors like Gatlin, Career Step, Boston Reed, unless they are also GI Bill approved.

- How Instructors Are Hired

- Employees versus Contractors

- Credit versus Clock Hours

- Length of Time

- Things to consider: make programs full-time (22 clock hrs/wk) so students can receive BAH
- If a program is compact, it doesn't necessarily benefit the student because the number of educational hours that are applied to the student's account is used. Example: CAPS program is 127 hours, 2-3 weeks, 1.5 months of education benefits
- Can make your program not fit into VRAP or Montgomery funding

- Dollar Amount Limitations

- Yearly cap for Post 9-11
- Monthly cap for Montgomery and VRAP
- Be aware that other entities may have cap, such as WIA, Veterans Village, etc.

- Type of Training

- Perception of relevance to military students

How to Apply

- Application for Approval of Institution of Higher Learning or Non-College Degree Programs at Accredited Proprietary or Public Institutions (CSAAVE Form 11076)
- Document verifying accreditation status
- VA Forms:
 - VAF 22-8794, Designation of Certifying Officials
 - VAF 27-8206, Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Equal Opportunity Laws
- True and correct statement form (CSAAVE Form 11071)
- School catalog or Veterans Information Bulletin
- We had to submit another form that stated we were not using contracted agencies, but hiring all of our instructor
- USEFUL LINK:
http://www.calvet.ca.gov/CSAAVE/ed_providers/initial.html.

After Applying...

- Record Keeping
 - Locked Files
 - Student Documentation, Course Evaluations, Attendance, Instructor Files, etc.
 - Spreadsheet for Tracking Financials
- Learning Your Job as a Certifying Official
 - Manual for Job & Using VA-ONCE
- Learning the Ins and Outs to Answer Student Questions
 - Don't Answer Specific Questions, especially regarding Student Status
 - VA Hotline for Certifying Officials Helps! Call/email student back
 - Make as Easy as Possible, but Don't Neglect Required Paperwork
- Processing Paperwork and Payments
 - Will Probably Require You Making New Documents, Like Check Off List, Application Forms, Evaluations, Veteran Agreements, Etc.
 - Unofficial Transcript or Letter Noting No Credit
- Marketing & Outreach
 - 3 Websites, 2 Videos, Facebook, Bulletin Ads, Emails
 - Presence within Education Fairs on/off base
 - Casino Night

What's The Student Process?

- First Timers go to VONAPP to activate GI Benefits
 - Form 22-1990
 - Takes about 3 months for Letter of Eligibility to Arrive
 - Encourage Registration into eBenefits and Get Screen Shot from Students
- Collect Documents
 - Application, Veteran Agreement, IDs, DD214, Proof of Funding
 - 22-1995 & Transcripts if Used Benefits Before
 - Certifications if Applicable
 - NEW: Collect CC for Refundable Deposit if Attend Program
- Send Email to Student Telling Them They're Accepted
- We Create File, Enroll in Lumens, Put into Financial Spreadsheet
- Send Email Before Start of Program, with Final Details
- First Day, Certify Students
- Watch for Payments & Update Lumens and Financial Spreadsheet

Other Things To Know...

- Funding Issues:
 - Montgomery or VRAP Funding
 - Student Isn't 100% Approved
 - Student Takes Another Class Simultaneously
- Attendance Issues:
 - Student Back-Out or Not Attending at Full Attendance Rate
- Attitude Issues:
 - Looking to have Hand Held & Questions Answered
 - Doesn't Like Lots of Paperwork
 - Wants a Job
- Housing & Books:
 - Housing is Only Valid for Veterans
 - Both will be Prorated for Duration of Course
 - Book Stipend is SMALL!!!
 - Initiated when Student is Certified
 - Automatic, by VA, a Month After Class Start Date. Can be Spread Across Months



Thank you!

Questions?

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