Veterans Educational Benefits Getting Started Checklist

## 1. Apply for your Veterans Educational Benefits.

Fill out appropriate application at

https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/

Print a copy of your application and bring to the VA Orientation. If you already have a Certificate of Eligibility, (COE) please bring that with you.

If you have a COE but cannot access it, log into or create an account with E-Benefits via **<u>https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage</u>** print it and bring it with you.

If you are transferring your benefits from another educational institution, please be advised that you must resubmit all VA documentation to Cascadia, as requested, to start your file and begin using benefits here.

- 2. Apply for Admissions to Cascadia online at https://apply.ctc.edu/user.
- 3. Schedule a Veterans Orientation by filling out the <u>online Academic Advising</u> <u>Appointment Request Form</u>.
- 4. Submit the following paperwork for the Veterans Orientation.
  - DD214 Member 4 copy
  - COE Certificate of Eligibility
  - Chapter 35 Students Only VA 100% Disability Letter
- **5. Submit official transcripts** from prior colleges and official military transcripts (Joint Services Transcript or Air Force Transcript).
  - Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy transcripts from https://jst.doded.mil/jst/
  - Air Force transcripts call (334) 649-5066 or DSN 749-5066 or online order from <u>https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/comm</u> <u>unity-college-</u> of-the-air-force-transcripts/
  - The official transcripts may be sent electronically directly from your previous institution or mailed to:

Cascadia College Attn: Enrollment Services 18345 Campus Way NE Bothell, WA 98011

- **6. Complete the** <u>online Transcript Evaluation Request Form</u> to evaluate official transcripts and transfer eligible credits to Cascadia.
- 7. Complete the Tuition Waiver Form on Cascadia's Veterans webpage.
  - Tuition Waiver for Eligible Veterans or National Guard Member
    OR
  - Tuition Waiver for Child or Spouse of Totally Disabled, POW, MIA or Deceased Eligible Veteran or National Guard Member
- 8. Establish English and math placement. Visit the <u>Admissions webpage</u> for more information on placement options including Accuplacer and to ensure the classes you take match your skills, needs, and goals.
- **9.** Apply for Financial Aid *not required, but recommended*. Visit the <u>How to Apply</u> <u>webpage</u> to view your options and steps to apply for financial aid.
- **10. Attend the Veterans Orientation.** At the Veterans Orientation, you will meet with the Veterans Academic Advisor, review eligible veterans educational benefits, register for classes, and learn about campus resources.
- **11. Complete the <u>online Quarterly Form</u>** (every quarter that you wish to utilize educational benefits).
- **12.** For veterans on Chapter 30, 1606, or 1607, verify your enrollment at the end of each month you are attending classes at:
  - <u>https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do</u>

Cascadia College is an equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate.

See full statement at: www.cascadia.edu/nondiscrimination

All Cascadia materials are available in alternative formats and can be requested by contacting the Human Resources office.

To request disability accommodations for student events, please contact <u>Student</u> <u>Accessibility Services</u> at 425.352.8128 or <u>accessibility@cascadia.edu</u> at least ten days prior to the event.

VA 052324