



**Rio Hondo College
Veterans Center,
Welcomes you!**



VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS



Our Student Health and Psychological Services department has created the following virtual support groups to help Rio Hondo College students during this time.

TOGETHER WE RISE

For Rise Scholars or anyone formally incarcerated
Mondays at 3:30pm
Meeting ID: 209-669-051

COPING AND CONNECTING

Anyone managing anxiety and depression
Tuesdays at 11:30am
Meeting ID: 914-586-354

CUZ, I LOVE YOU

For Queer Initiative members (LGBTQ)
Wednesdays at 3:30pm
Meeting ID: 340-709-755

RESILIENCE

Guardian Scholars or those formally in Foster Care
Thursdays at 10:30am
Meeting ID: 920-609-900

UNDOCUTALKS

Students Without Borders or undocumented students
Fridays at 11:00am
Meeting ID: 310-727-895

CIRCLE OF CARE

CARE students (single parents)
Fridays at 3:30pm
Meeting ID: 310-727-895

We would love for you to join us!

Please contact Glenn Heap by email or text and provide him with your full name and student ID to receive the link and password for the group you would like to join.




Glenn Heap
(562) 646-6148
gheap@riohondo.edu



Learning Assistance Center

The LAC offers one-hour tutoring in over 30 different subjects.

All tutoring is being done via  zoom

LAC hours are: Mon.- Thurs. 8am to 8pm & Friday: 8am - 1pm

To make an appointment please call, text or email one of the team members below:

Staff Member	Google Voice #	Email	Hours
Robert Diaz	(562) 646-7750	rdiaz@riohondo.edu	Mon – Thurs 10:30 am – 8 pm Friday 9 am – 1 pm
Kathy Gomez	(323) 300-4678	kgomez@riohondo.edu	Mon – Thurs 7:00 am – 3:30 pm Friday 7:00 am – 12:00 pm
Juan Mendez	(626) 502-7031	jumendez@riohondo.edu	Mon – Thurs 12 pm – 8 pm
Hao Vo	(562) 758-0620	hvo@riohondo.edu	Mon-Thurs 9 am – 2 pm

You may also connect directly with one of our team members and they will assist you with making a tutoring appointments by copying this link:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94519195147>

Paste it on your web browser to connect with a team member.

ZOOM ROOM HOURS:

MONDAY – THURSDAY 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

FRIDAY 9 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.



Rio Hondo College Veterans Service Center (VSC)



Donald Gordon
Director of Financial Aid, Scholarships and Veterans Services

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Counselor / Coordinator

Tina Caldera
Sr. Financial Aid Advisor/Certifying Official

Marina Mendez
Student Service Assistant

Raquel Noble
VSC Student Assistant

RHC Veterans Service Center One-Stop Center

- **One Stop-Center**
 - Ebenefits – Application process
 - JST Transcripts
 - College Transcripts
- **Academic Counseling**
 - Comprehensive education plans
 - Prior credit evaluations
 - Graduation
- **Certification for benefits**
 - Liaison to VA educational benefits
 - Educational and Tuition certification
- **Financial Aid Advising**
 - Process of FA for veterans
- **Peer-to-Peer Student Assistants**
 - VA work-study assistants
- **VSC Resources**
 - Tier One- Priority Registration
 - New student orientation
 - VA regulations
 - Academic standards
 - Supplies; backpacks
- Food Vouchers
- Snacks
- Scantrons
- Scientific calculators
- Chromebook laptops
- Emergency Book Vouchers
- Veterans Day Events
- **Benefits Resource Days**
 - Student Health & Psychological Services
 - East Los Angeles Veterans Center
 - California Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Attend Community Events**
 - LA Veterans Resource Expo
 - Annual Veterans Forum
 - Rose Hills Veterans Resource Fair



Veterans Service Center

562-463-3117

Veteranscenter@riohondo.edu

Office Hours for Summer 2021

8:00am - 4:30 pm (Monday - Thursday)

Fridays 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Office Hours for Fall 2021

8:00 am - 7:00 pm (Monday & Tuesday)

8:00 am - 4:30 pm (Wednesday & Thursday)

Fridays 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

- Resident training to remote instruction
 - **LEC/ Web**
 - **Timing of Lecture class**
 - **Example Summer**

- Students receiving the GI Bill benefits will continue receiving the same monthly housing allowance (MHA) payments they received for resident training until December 2021, or until the school resumes in-person classes
 - **Yellow Card**

- **Summer 2021 Semester (June 6 – August 13, 2021)**
 - **Multiple sessions being offered**

- **Fall Session 2021 Semester (August 21 – December 11, 2021)**

SUMMER & FALL SESSION 2021

▶ Summer Session

- ▶ 10 week (June 7 – August 13, 2021)
- ▶ 8 week (June 21 – August 13, 2021)
- ▶ 7 week (June 7 – July 23, 2021)
- ▶ 6 week (June 7 – July 16, 2021)
- ▶ 5-week sessions June 7 - July 9 and
- ▶ Payments very based on summer session

Fall 16-week session (12 unit is full time)

Saturday August 21, 2021 – December 11, 2021

8 – Week Sessions

8-week courses will require you to take 6 units

RATE OF PURSUIT

CH 33

Based on units reported – Rounded to nearest 10%

- **12 units:** 100% rate of pursuit – receive 100% of BAH
- **11 units:** 91% rate of pursuit – receive 90%
- **10 units:** 83% rate of pursuit – receive 80%
- **9 units:** 75% rate of pursuit – receive 80%
- **8 units:** 67% rate of pursuit – receive 70%
- **7 units:** 58% rate of pursuit – receive 60%
- **6 units:** 50% rate of pursuit - **NO BAH**

RHC =	\$ 3,114
	\$ 2,704
	\$ 2,404
	\$ 2,404
	\$ 2,104
	\$ 1,803

All Online = 1/2 National Avg! \$825 (Full-Time)

PART-TIME

vs.

FULL-TIME

1 - 11 units

1 unit = 1 hour of
class time per
week

1 unit = 2 hours of
study time per
week

12+ units

12 units = 12 hours
of class time per
week

12 units = 24 hours
of study time per
week

12+24=36 hours of school
commitment per week



THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE (60 UNITS)

RHC General Education

Graduation
Proficiency
Requirements

Major Courses

What do you
want to
study?
(i.e.
Administration of
Justice,
Child
Development
, Business
Administration)

TOTAL

60 Degree
Applicable
Units



THE LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER

WHERE YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR PRIORITY

- **Study rooms and study areas** for solo study or groups
- **Internet-enabled computers**
- **Free Printing** of self generated class assignments with a max of 10 pages

Students must register to use the lab
Fall CRN# 71531
Spring #36458 Summer CRN #50502

Free tutoring***

- One hour sessions, 3 hours a week per subject max
- Students should be prepared with questions and concerns for tutors
- New WRC LAB with English Tutors

- A variety of **Educational Workshops****
- **English and Math Workshops****
 - Study Skills, Time Management, Note Taking, Test Anxiety, College Speak

TUTORING WITH MOST DISCIPLINES OFFERED

THE LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER HAS AIDED IN THE SUCCESS OF MANY STUDENTS WHO HAVE GRADUATED AND MOVED ON TO THE HIGHER LEVELS OF EDUCATION BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR TUTORING PROGRAM

Location: LR-114 1st Floor of the LRC

Telephone:
(562) 908-3418

Hours: Monday-Thursday 7am - 8pm
Friday 8am - 1pm



Certification

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FINANCIAL AID



HOW DO I GET CERTIFIED FOR VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Starting your benefits.	You must complete necessary forms in VA center and attend mandatory orientation
CEO/Forms	You must have letter of eligibility or Enrollment Status page from eBenefits
Counseling Meeting	You must meet with VA counselor-twice. First time for Abbreviated Educational Plan and again for Comprehensive Educational Plan
Yellow Card	You must complete and submit a "yellow card" to the VA Center. Without this card being submitted you will not be certified.
GPA	You must be enrolled in classes and maintain satisfactory progress (2.0 GPA)
Reporting to VA	Reporting to VA any drops within semester and after semester.
Important Dates	You need to be mindful of class schedule: drop, add, terminate etc.
Ed Plan is important	You must follow your educational plan

What I need to know about my benefits.



Late start classes won't be paid until you start



You must have at least one on campus class to receive full housing benefits otherwise you will only receive the national average for housing.



If you are a Chapter 33 (post 9-11) and you want to receive housing benefits, you must be enrolled in at least 6.5 units. If you are enrolled in less than 12 units your benefits will be adjusted accordingly



Not following your Educational Plan. No Yellow Card



GPA below 2.0

FINANCIAL AID FOR VETERANS



Apply for FAFSA at [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

2021-22 (2019 tax returns) application is now open

Make an appointment to start the process for FA

- ✓ Income reduction
- ✓ Tax return updates



➤ **Dominic Lopez**

- **Outreach, Community Engagement & Reintegration Services**
 - **VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System**
 - **5426 E. Olympic Blvd**
 - **Commerce, CA 90022**
 - **Office (323) 725-7372**
 - **East LA VA community Clinic**
 - **Cell: (310) 867-1230**
 - **Dominic.Lopez2@va.gov**

➤ **Anthony Rodrigues**

- **CalVet | Local Interagency Network Coordinator**
 - **Los Angeles & Ventura Counties**
 - ▶ **Cell 213.342.7741**
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▶ **Angelica Escalante**

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- ▶ Veterans Upward Bound Program
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MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Proud To Serve Those Who Have Served America So Well!

The background of the image is a waving American flag with its characteristic stars and stripes. The stars are white on a blue field, and the stripes are red and white. The flag is set against a solid light blue background.

Thank You

*for serving our country &
protecting our freedoms!*

RIO HONDO COLLEGE

Questions
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Anyone



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Rio Hondo Community College

Veterans Service Center

Welcome to Rio Hondo College Veterans Service Center (VSC). We are honored that you entrusted us with assisting you in your educational endeavor. We are committed to helping our Veterans and their family in a nurturing environment of care and the appropriate support needed in order to continue on this new journey in your life. In order to aid with any challenges our Veterans may face, we are proud to provide essential services such as Counseling, Veteran Certification, and Financial Aid generating a “one-stop-center”.

MEET OUR STAFF

In our center we have a Veteran Counselor who provides Veteran exclusive services, a Veterans Services Certifying Official who is also a Senior Financial Aid Advisor, a Secretary who is in the Veterans Services Center and can help to ensure that, any and all process are executed properly and effectively. Our center is proud to employ only student Veterans to assist all Veterans and their families with the process as well and engage any issues that may arise.

Location: Student Service Building Room SS150

Phone: (562) 463-3117 if we are unable to answer, please leave a message and we will return your call within 24 to 48hrs.

Email: www.veteranscenter@riohondo.edu please allow 3 days for a response

Website: <http://riohondo.edu/veterans/>

Hours:

Monday & Tuesday	8:00am-7:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday	8:00am-5:00pm
Friday	8:00am-2:00pm

****Winter & Summer semester hours do change please check with our office or our website****

VSC Staff

Marina Mendez -Student Service Assistant

Tina Caldera -Senior Financial Aid Advisor & Certifying Official

Arely Castaneda -Counselor/Coordinator for the VSC



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DSP & S and Veterans Services

Services for Injured Veterans-

Student Veterans, especially those who served in combat zones, can experience a variety of difficulties when attending college due to injuries suffered during their service. Veterans may experience problems accessing and participating fully in their education due to several "signature" injuries: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and Hearing Loss, are just a few recognized barriers that Veterans face when pursuing a higher education.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI):

A traumatic brain injury involves injury to the brain as the result of trauma, and can result in loss of some previously learned skills or knowledge, and create difficulties with new learning. There can be physical, sensory, cognitive, language, behavioral and /or emotional changes as a result of the injury.

Educational Limitations:

Injuries to the brain can result in a wide variety of types and severities of limitations including, but not limited to the following:

- Reduced attention skills, including increased distractibility, which may interfere with learning and performance on tests
- Reduced memory skills, especially for new information
- Slower retrieval of learned information
- Slowed or reduced ability to form abstract concepts, or to express those concepts in words
- Cognitive difficulty may cause more rapid fatigue than expected in tests
- Sensory difficulties may interfere with hearing and/or visual perception

Potential Accommodations:

- Notetaker or audio taping of lectures
- Preferential seating
- Alternate media or reader
- Extended time for exams
- Distraction-reduced exam area
- Breaks during exams

Hearing Loss:

Hearing loss may range from complete deafness to a slight loss in a few frequencies and may include tinnitus.

Educational Limitations:

- Difficulty hearing lectures, group discussions, or student questions in a classroom setting
- Difficulty taking notes while trying to listen
- Difficulty hearing audio in media presentations
- May misunderstand auditory information without realizing the error

Potential Accommodations:

- Preferential seating
- Notetaker for class lectures
- Assistive listening device

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD):

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is an anxiety disorder that can develop after exposure to a terrifying event in which grave physical harm occurred or was threatened. Symptoms may include: frightening thoughts/memories, sleep problems, feeling detached, being easily startled.

Educational Limitations:

- Difficulty processing lectures and taking notes simultaneously in the classroom
- Difficulty taking tests in standard conditions
- Difficulty concentrating and staying focused
- Low tolerance for stressful situations
- Difficulty managing emotions in anxiety-producing or novel situations

Potential Accommodations:

- Extended time for exams
- Distraction reduced exam area
- Preferential Seating

If you are experiencing any of the above, please visit the DSP&S department for an evaluation. DSP&S is located in the Student Services Building Room SS330

Additional Useful Information

Declaring a Major-You must declare a major or transfer goal, and continue to make satisfactory progress toward completion of your educational goal. If satisfactory progress is not maintained, the school may place you on probation and the VA will be informed of your progress status.

Educational Plan – You must obtain an comprehensive educational plan from the Veteran Counselor in order to continue with your benefits.

Changing Majors/School – If you decide to change your major you must meet with the Veteran Counselor and change your Educational Plan with your Counselor's approval. If you are changing schools, you must complete a change of program and or place of training form, VA Form 22-1995 (available online at www.ebenefits.va.gov).

Every Semester – After registering you must fill out a yellow card located online at the Rio Hondo Veteran website and in the VSC . If you do not submit a yellow card, you will not be certified.

Course Applicability – You must have a current and completed educational plan on file with the VSC at all times. Only REQUIRED courses that satisfy requirements outlined by your Educational Plan can be certified for VA purposes. Courses not on your Educational Plan cannot be certified.

Incomplete Courses – If you receive an incomplete grade in an approved course in which you're receiving VA benefits, you must complete the required coursework within one year. If you do not complete this coursework you will receive a grade as agreed to by the instructor, which may result in an overpayment.

No Credit and Withdrawals – You may be required to reimburse the VA for any money received for a "No Credit" or "W" that is issued. You must immediately notify the VSC or any change in units. If the VA is not notified promptly of your withdrawal, an overpayment may results.

Punitive Grades- If you receive a punitive grade (F), in a course that you are reciving benefits for, and you did not attend throughout the entire semester, did not drop the course in a timely manner, or did not complete the final, you will be liable for any over payments.

Change of Address or Telephone Number – It is your responsibility to immediately notify VSC and Admissions and Records Office if you change your address and/or telephone number.

Email- Correspondence and announcements will be sent to your personal email. It is your responsibility to check your email regularly and to inform the VSC immediately if you change your email address.

CAMPUS DIRECTORY

-  Bicycle Racks
-  Designated Smoking Area
-  Elevator
-  EV Charging Station
-  Free Speech Area
-  Metered Parking
-  Publicity Posting Area
-  Security Office (A117)

-  Emergency Phone
-  Tram Stops

- STUDENT PARKING**
- A C E J L**
- 1 2 2^B 3 4 5 6**
- STAFF PARKING**
- D E F**
- G H K 2^A**



BUILDING LEGEND



A Administration	BS Bookstore	L L Building	PB Information/Parking Booth
AJ Administration of Justice	CI Campus Inn	LQ Lower Quad	PE Physical Education
AJA Administration of Justice Annex	CP Central Plant	LRC Learning Resource Center	S Science and Math
AT Applied Technology	CR Central Receiving	M Music	SS Student Services
ART Art	CDC Child Development Center	MC Modular Classrooms	SU Student Union
B Business	CT Courts (Tennis)	MH Maintenance	UQ Upper Quad
BB Black Box Theater	G Gymnasium	O Observatory	W Wray Memorial Theater

VETERAN STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRESS REQUIREMENTS

Veterans and dependents are required to comply with Veteran Regulations Sections 21.4135, 21.4235 and 21.4277 in regard to required attendance and progress that the student veteran or dependent must meet in order to receive educational benefit under Title 38, United States Code.

To prevent possible future interruption or termination of educational benefits, please note the following:

- All Veteran and eligible dependent students are required to maintain **satisfactory attendance and academic progress toward their stated academic goal.**
- The veteran's Administration has determined that satisfactory academic progress of veterans or eligible dependents is measured by successfully completing each semester with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- Grades from other schools which are used toward a current goal may be considered in the grade point average calculation.
- Should a veteran or eligible dependent **fail to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for two consecutive semesters**, the Veteran must present mitigating circumstances to the RHC Veteran Service Center and one additional semester (3rd semester) of educational benefits may be allowed if: 1) The Veteran meets with an academic counselor (to complete a Veterans Petition for 3rd Semester Certification), and 2) The Veteran fully intends to bring the "cumulative" GPA up to a minimum of 2.0 by the end of that 3rd semester.
- Upon satisfactory completion of approved courses at the end of the 3rd semester (**WHEN THE CUMULATIVE GPA REACHES A MINIMUM OF 2.0**), the Veteran student will be considered maintaining satisfactory academic progress, and certification continues.
- If the cumulative grade point average does not reach a minimum 2.0 at the conclusion of that 3rd semester, the Veterans Service Center will be required to report the student to the VA as terminated for unsatisfactory progress, effective at the end of the 3rd semester.
- As a result of the termination, the RHC Veterans Service Center will not be able to certify the veteran for a 4th semester.
- The veteran or dependent has the responsibility to adhere to these standards of attendance and progress and to notify the Rio Hondo College Veterans Service Center of any changes in status that would affect the collecting of veteran's benefits.

Attendance/Changes to Enrollment:

- **Class additions, drops, withdrawals and last day of attendance must be reported at once to the Rio Hondo College Veterans Service Center.**

I have read the above requirements and will comply with the VA academic progress requirements. I understand should I fail to adhere to the above, that my educational benefits may be interrupted and/or terminated, and/or I may be subjected to repayment of VA Educational Benefits.

Print Name

Signature

SID#

Date

Steps to Start your VA Educational Benefits

STEP 1

- Apply to Rio Hondo College
- Make appointment to take Assessment Test (if necessary)
- Apply for GI Bill
- Order ALL educational (including Military) transcripts to be sent directly to Admissions and Records department. Once Transcripts are at Rio Hondo, proceed to Step 2

***** Please Note- If you want priority registration with or without VA Ed Benefits, you MUST bring a copy of your DD214 to the VA Center so we can designate your veteran status.**

STEP 2

- Make appointment to meet with Veteran Counselor
- Bring copy of DD214 and Letter of Eligibility
- Complete Intake Form
- Fill out yellow card, if you intend to be certified for current semester
- Attend a New Veteran Student Orientation

Steps to Continue to Receive your VA Educational Benefits

Step 1

- Submit a WIP on required dates. These dates are posted on our website, our office and on the TV monitor in halls. Drop WIP in designated basket located in the Veteran Center.

Step 2

- If you change a class, drop a class or want to be certified for a class you MUST turn in yellow card which is found in the Veteran Center's office and drop in the designated basket. This must be done EVERY semester you would like to be certified. Failure to do this may result in overpayment, non-payment or non-certification.
 - If you would like to change your major, you MUST meet with VA counselor.

Step 3

- You must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better and complete the classes you enroll in with an acceptable grade. If you are falling below this requirement, please make appointment with counselor to discuss options.





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**Veteran Student Success Workshop
Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)**

Print Name: _____

Student ID: _____

In addition to submitting all of the Educational Certification paper work required, all Veteran students must participate in one Student Success Workshop to facilitate/maintain certification of their educational benefits. This Workshop questionnaire is to be completed after reviewing the New Veteran's Workshop Powerpoint.

Please indicate the correct answer in the space provided:

1. The Veterans Service Center is located in:

- a. Room SS-150 (Student Service Building)
- b. The Learning Resource Center
- c. The Admissions and Records Office
- d. The Science Building

Answer: _____

2. What is the minimum cumulative GPA a veteran student must maintain each semester?

- a. 2.5
- b. 3.0
- c. 2.0
- d. It doesn't matter as long as I attend classes

Answer: _____

3. Is the Veterans Service Center open to all Veterans:

- a. Only if they have honorable
- b. _____

Answer: _____

3. Which of the following are required to secure a Comprehensive Educational Plan?

- a. Copy of DD-214 or honorable discharge letter from e-benefits
- b. All prior college level transcripts, including the Military ACE transcript
- c. Letter of eligibility
- d. All of the above

Answer: _____

4. The VA will pay for:

- a. All classes I elect to take
- b. Only classes that are required for current stated academic goal
- c. Any classes offered at Rio Hondo College

Answer: _____

6. If you drop or add a class you must submit a _____ to the VSC

- a) Blue Card
- b) Yellow Card
- c) White Card

Answer: _____

7. Any changes to a student's enrollment must be reported to the VSC?

True: ___ False: ___

8. Dropping or adding a class can affect your Educational Certification Benefit? True: ___ False: ___

9. Veteran students can receive priority registration?

True: ___ False: ___

10. The VSC hires peer veteran student workers/tutors?

True: ___ False: ___

11. A Financial Aid Ed Plan is the same as the VA Ed Eval?

True: ___ False: ___

12. Applying to Rio Hondo College is the same as enrolling for classes?

True: ___ False: ___

13. I can declare a double major while at Rio Hondo

True: ___ False: ___

14. If I have any questions regarding my VA Benefits or Financial Aid I can ask the VSC?

True: ___ False: ___

15. I can only receive VA educational Benefits OR Financial Aid

True: ___ False: ___

16. If I want to change my major, I must consult with the VSC counselor and fill out a "change my major card" (located in the VSC)

True: ___ False: ___

17. Logging into the VSC computer is mandatory for every visit.

True: ___ False: ___

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OUR ONE-STOP SITE OFFERS THESE SERVICES:

- Priority Registration
- Educational Counseling
- Computers for Veterans use
- Senior Financial Aid Advisor
- Tutoring in various subjects
- Veterans Club
- Assistance in applying for Veteran Educational Benefits and Financial Aid

Veterans Service Center Hours:

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Student Service Building, Room SS150 ♦ (562) 463-3117

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Whittier, CA 90601
Room SS150 (562) 463-3117

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NewStudents

- Apply to Rio Hondo College at www.riohondo.edu. Go to “Get Started” to complete RHC application and CCCApply. Apply for the semester that you plan on attending.
- Apply for your G.I. Educational Benefits at www.ebenefits.va.gov. Your Letter of Eligibility should be mailed to you within 2-4 weeks. Once received, bring a copy to the Veterans Service Center.
- Complete the FAFSA Application at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Complete the Placement Tool online through your AccessRio Portal. Click on Academics (left side in gray area) then click on Placement Tool (bottom left side). This must be completed before scheduling an appointment with the VSC Counselor.
- Intake Form (Veterans Service Center).
- Copy of DD214 member #4 (the only one accepted)

Official transcripts must be ordered from all colleges, trade schools and any other schools you have previously attended, whether you received credit or not. Also your official military transcripts (JST) must be ordered as well.

Have transcripts mailed to: Rio Hondo College, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601 Attention: Admissions & Records.

**** Official Transcripts Cannot Be Hand Delivered****

www.JST.doded.mil (Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard)
<http://www.au.af.mil/au/barnes/ccaf/transcripts.asp> (Air force)

Once all requirements are completed, contact our office to make an appointment with the VSC counselor to receive an educational plan. Call the VSC at (562) 463-3117 with any questions, or to schedule a mandatory Veterans Orientation.

Suggestions on Maintaining Benefits

- In order to continue to be certified, you must submit a “yellow card” to our VSC, room SS150, at the beginning of **each semester** that you want to be certified.
- If there is a change in class schedule (i.e. you dropped a class, or changed a class) you must notify the VSC immediately by completing a “yellow card” or “pink card” if all classes are dropped.

Please visit **our website** for important dates & information. www.riohondo.edu/vsc

Veterans Student Success Workshop

Student Learning Objectives (SLO)

Print Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

In addition to submitting all of the Educational Certificate paper-work required, all students must participate in one Student Success Workshop to facilitate/maintain certification of their educational benefits. This workshop questionnaire is to be completed after reviewing the Veterans Orientation Power Point presentation.

1. Eligibility to receive post 9/11 Ch. 33 you must have completed the following:
 - a. Served after 9/11
 - b. Minimum of 90 days of active duty
 - c. 3 years of active duty
 - d. All of the above

2. What is the minimum cumulative GPA a veteran must maintain each semester?
 - a. 2.5
 - b. 3.0
 - c. 2.0
 - d. It does not matter as long as I attend classes

3. If you drop or add a class, you must submit a _____ to the VSC.
 - a. Blue Card
 - b. Yellow Card
 - c. White Card

4. Any change to students' enrollment must be reported to the VSC. T___ F___
5. Dropping or adding a class can affect your Educational Certification for benefits. T___ F___
6. Veteran students do not receive priority registration. T___ F___
7. If I have a question regarding my VA Benefits or Financial Aid, I can ask the VSC. T___ F___
8. If I want to receive BHA, I must be enrolled in a minimum of 6.5 units. (CH 33) T___ F___
9. Monthly housing allowance (BHA) only pays for days enrolled. T___ F___
10. I can use round out in the last term to complete degree/transfer. T___ F___