

# Welcome to the VA Benefits and You Presentation!

In the chat, please let us know:

1. Where are you logging in from?
2. What VA Benefit are you currently using or interested in using?



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# Meeting Summary

- **A quick outline of VA Benefit programs.**
- **Overview of the certification process.**
- **How your tuition and fees get paid.**
- **Providing a look at resources available on MyCapitol.**
- **Your questions.**



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# Types of VA Benefits Accepted

- **Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33)**
- **Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty (Chapter 30)**
- **Montgomery GI Bill® – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)**
- **Veteran Readiness & Employment (Chapter 31)**
- To compare the benefits available through each of these programs, visit: <https://www.va.gov/resources/compare-va-education-benefits/>

## **Other Programs:**

- [Dependents Educational Assistance \(Chapter 35\)](#)
  - **Tuition Assistance (TA) for Active Duty**
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# Yellow Ribbon Program

Through the Yellow Ribbon Program, **Capitol Tech and the VA each contribute matching funds** to help eligible students cover additional tuition and fee costs—potentially allowing you to attend **tuition-free**.

Please note: The Yellow Ribbon Program is not a standalone program. It is only available to students with Post-911® CH33 100% Benefits.

# Yellow Ribbon Program

- **For Doctoral and Master's Students:**

**Capitol Tech Contribution:** Up to \$10,000 per year

**VA Matching Contribution:** Up to \$10,000 per year

**Student Limit:** *Unlimited* – All eligible students can qualify

- **For Undergraduate Students:**

**Capitol Tech Contribution:** Up to \$2,500 per year

**VA Matching Contribution:** Up to \$2,500 per year

**Student Limit:** *40 students per year* – First-come, first- served basis

# Yellow Ribbon Program

- **Eligibility:**
  - Must be a **Chapter 33 student** receiving **100% VA benefits**
  - Yellow Ribbon funding **only applies after the annual VA CH33 tuition cap is reached** (current cap is \$29,920.95) Happens typically in the second or third semester.
  - **Yellow Ribbon eligibility is depleted at the same time as CH33 Benefits.**
- The cap to use the yellow ribbon portion of the benefit resets every Fall.

# VA Eligibility & Application Process

To use VA benefits at Capitol Tech, students must

1. Apply for VA Benefits through VA.gov.
2. Be **admitted** to a VA-approved program
3. Register for your course(s) – [Advisor@captechu.edu](mailto:Advisor@captechu.edu) / [gradadvisor@captechu.edu](mailto:gradadvisor@captechu.edu) can provide assistance with course selection.
4. Log into the portal and complete the appropriate **VA Certification Request Form** each semester:
  - **New and Readmitted Student Certification Request Form (1<sup>st</sup> semester only)**  
Submit a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** from the VA (submitted as an attachment on the New and Readmitted Student Certification Form) **Please note: Screenshots of your educational benefits page in VA.gov are acceptable for this purpose.**
  - **Continuing Student Certification Request Form**

# Your on-going responsibilities

1. **Submit a certification request every semester** you wish to be certified.
2. **Report any schedule or program changes** to [vabenefits@captechu.edu](mailto:vabenefits@captechu.edu).
3. **Verify your enrollment** with the VA.

# Report Any Schedule Changes

- Once you have submitted your certification request, please notify the **School Certifying Official** of any schedule or status changes.
- Dropping or adding courses will likely affect your benefit.
- Generally speaking, courses that are dropped are not paid for by the VA.

# Verify Your Enrollment

- Most students who receive VA Benefits are required to verify their enrollment with the VA.
- Requirements will vary depending on the benefit. CH.33, 30, 1606, and 35 must verify monthly.
- The VA will request this of you once you have been certified in our system.

# How do my tuition and fees get paid?

<b>Program</b>	<b>Who Pays?</b>
<b>Post 9-11 GI Bill®</b>	<b>VA Pays Capitol</b> for Tuition and Fees <b>VA Pays you</b> a Books/Supplies Stipend plus Housing Benefit if you are eligible for it
<b>Chapters 30, 1606, and 35</b>	<b>VA Pays you</b> the benefit <b>You pay Capitol</b> for Tuition and Fees
<b>Chapter 31</b>	<b>VA Pays Capitol</b> for Tuition and Fees <b>VA Pays Capitol</b> for Books and Supplies
<b>Tuition Assistance</b>	<b>DOD pays Capitol</b> per credit amount for Tuition <b>Capitol charges you</b> reduced Tuition

# The VA is the Last Payer for Tuition/Fees

- The amount that colleges charge the VA must be after all other tuition and fee specific scholarships or support are paid.
- EXAMPLE: \$5000 Merit Scholarship  
Capitol Tuition: \$13500  
- Scholarship: \$ 5000  

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Capitol Charges VA: \$8500
- Loans, Pell Grant, and other funds that can be applied to expenses beyond tuition and fees are not part of the calculation.

# Tuition Assistance (TA)



# Who Qualifies for Tuition Assistance?

- **Active Duty Members:** Most branches offer TA to active duty members. This includes those in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force.
- **Reserve Members:** Some branches extend TA benefits to reservists on active duty. For example, the Army National Guard and Army Reserve members on active duty are eligible.
- **Service-Specific Requirements:** Each branch may have its own specific criteria, such as the number of years of service required or the type of courses covered.

**Ask your education counselor in your military branch for guidance.**

# TA Eligibility and Application Process

To start using your benefit at CapTechU:

- 1. Meet with your Education Counselor in your military branch**
- 2. Create an Education Plan**
- 3. Apply for Tuition Assistance**
  - Log into your branch's TA portal (e.g., ArmyIgnitED, Navy College Program, AFVEC for Air Force)
  - Submit a TA request **before** enrolling in a course (usually 7–45 days in advance, depending on the branch). **Important: Requests submitted less than 7 days before start of term will not be accepted.**
- 4. Enroll in Classes**
- 5. Provide proof of your active-duty to the Captechu Business Office.**
- 6. Maintain Eligibility**
  - Maintain a minimum GPA (usually 2.0 for undergrad, 3.0 for grad).
  - Complete courses successfully to avoid repayment.

# TA- Military Contribution

- Each military branch offers TA to help cover the cost of tuition.
- **Coverage:** Up to **100% of tuition and fees**, capped at:
  - \$250 per semester hour
  - \$4,000–\$4,500 per fiscal year, depending on the branch
- **Eligible Courses:** Undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs.
- **Delivery:** Funds are paid **directly to the school** by the military branch
- **Restrictions:**
  - You must complete the course successfully
  - You may need to repay TA if you withdraw or fail
  - Each branch has its own **eligibility rules and application process**

# Tuition Assistance

## CapTechU's Reduced Tuition Assistance rates:

- \$250/credit (Undergrad)
- \$350/credit (Master's)
- \$850/credit (Doctorate)

For more information on eligibility and Military Tuition Assistance coverage, please review the following link:

<https://www.military.com/education/money-for-school/tuition-assistance-ta-program-overview.html>

# Support Services

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More info can be found on:

[https://mycapitol.captechu.edu/ICS/College\\_Offices/The\\_Office\\_of\\_Registration\\_and\\_Records/Veterans\\_Benefits\\_at\\_Capitol\\_College.jnz](https://mycapitol.captechu.edu/ICS/College_Offices/The_Office_of_Registration_and_Records/Veterans_Benefits_at_Capitol_College.jnz)

# Questions?



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