

Veteran Affairs

The Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) provides assistance to the veteran population at Essex County College, both at the main and West Essex Campus locations. At the main campus, the office is located on the fourth level of the mega structure as a part of the Enrollment Services Office. The office provides certification services for qualifying veterans and their eligible dependents.

Eligibility determination is made by the Veterans Administration. All of Essex County College degree and certificate programs are approved by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, the State Approving Agency under Title 38, U.S. Code, Section 1775, for veterans training. Students receiving VA educational benefits may not withdraw from the College without notification to the Veterans Certifying Officer. The date of withdrawal will be the determining date for benefits.

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Veterans interested in applying to Essex County College please contact:

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While veteran is the only person who can choose which program meets his/her needs, a step-by-step process developed by Veterans Affairs Department may help veterans to compare the different education programs and decide which is best for him/her.

Get Started As a Veteran, you may be eligible for educational benefits through numerous **[GI Bill](#)** programs. Depending on veteran's individual circumstances, one of these programs may give better benefits than the others. Once you've decided to use your GI Bill benefits it's important to choose the proper school and type of training. VA's decision-making tools will help you get the most from your benefits.

Explore your options:

Assess your aptitudes and interests with CareerScope®:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/careerscope.asp>

Compare VA education benefits and review payment rates:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison_tool.asp

Choose a school or education program and estimate your benefit amount:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_decision.asp

Learn how other Veterans benefited from VA education benefits:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/my_story.asp

Apply online:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>

For more information visit:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

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