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Spring 2024 is already coming to a close. Many students are graduating and moving to their next step in their educational journey at a 4-year University. Some students are moving into their next professional journey from the credential they have earned, and some are continuing their education here at Ivy Tech. Whatever your journey is at this time – CONGRATULATIONS!

This month's Hot Topic: "Summer – how to be full time for VA education benefits."

If you wish to use your VA education benefits, you need to notify the processing office through your MyIvy. We do not automatically submit your enrollment to the VA – this includes VR&E (CH31) as well. You can view instructions on how to fill out the form [here](#). **\*this is required every semester\***

- Search "Veteran"
  - Select Veteran Benefit Request Form (add to your favorites)
  - Fill out required sections
  - Submit

### Mark Your Calendar: Important Dates

**March 18** Summer and Fall 2024 Registration Began

**May 12** Spring Semester Ends

**May 18** [May Day – Honoring the US Colored Troops](#) (Not an Ivy Tech event)

**May 22** [Military Appreciation Day BBQ](#) (Not an Ivy Tech event)

**June 1** Montgomery GI Bill ® (CH1606, CH30), [verify attendance](#) with the VA

Post 9/11 GI Bill ® verify attendance via text with

**June 1** the VA

**June 3** 8-week Summer Class Session Begins

**July 28** 8-week Summer Class Session Ends

**August 19** Fall Semester Begins

*GI Bill ® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.*

### **Important notice for CH33 Post 9/11 students and Ivy+ Books**

Since students can now opt out of Ivy+ Textbooks, the VA will not pay this fee for CH33 & VRRAP students.

- You are financially responsible to pay Ivy Tech for the fee
  - The VA does send you \$41.67/credit in book money directly (not to exceed \$1000 in a year – and adjusted for your percentage eligibility)
  - At 50% Post 9/11 eligibility the VA sends \$20.84/credit
  - Ivy+ Textbooks is \$17/credit hour
- Although you will be using VA education benefits, you will still see a balance due on your account for Ivy+ Textbooks, as well as any licensing or certification exam fees.
- You may also qualify for Financial Aid to help defray the cost. Apply for [the FAFSA](#) online with Ivy Tech's federal school code **009917**.

We have created a checklist to help with any questions you may have regarding your VA education benefits [here](#).

## Monthly Hot Topic



### **Summer – How to be Full Time for VA Education Benefits**

We know the goal is to continue receiving that monthly stipend at the full-time rate of pursuit. For all benefits you must be in six credits to be full-time for VA purposes. Please note, six credits for the summer is **NOT** full time for financial aid and your aid will be reduced accordingly.

**VR&E and Post 9/11** – If you are looking for the “in person” rate for your MHA you must be in at least one course in person. To be considered in person you can take a Blended (BT), Traditional (TR) course. You may also take a Learn Anywhere (LA) course but **MUST** attend one class session in person. The attendance must be verified by an instructor, see your VMBS for the form. The class is submitted to the VA as distance until we are notified otherwise.

A virtual course is **NOT** considered in person and is submitted to the VA as distance.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, see your [VMBS!](#)

## Cybersecurity Internship Opportunity



Ivy Tech has partnered with the Indiana Commission on Higher Education and iQ4 Corporation, a technology company that provides mentor-based virtual internship projects in cybersecurity, to create a unique opportunity for our students. If you are active duty military, veteran, or spouse transitioning to information technology or cybersecurity degree programs, we invite you to apply for Indiana [Service2Cyber](#).

In this 12-week immersive learning internship that **begins on June 4**, participants will be placed into cybersecurity job roles and work on teams that present their deliverables to subject matter expert mentors. The purpose of this internship is to provide participants with skills that will increase their awareness in cybersecurity and help them with career pathways.

There are no required prerequisites for this program, and thanks to grant funding, there is no cost to participate.

## Military Tuition Assistance



Check with your unit educational services if you think you may be eligible for [Military Tuition Assistance](#).

Army, Air Force and MyCAA TA applicants be sure to **select your home campus** and not just Ivy Tech Community College, so we are able to invoice the military correctly.

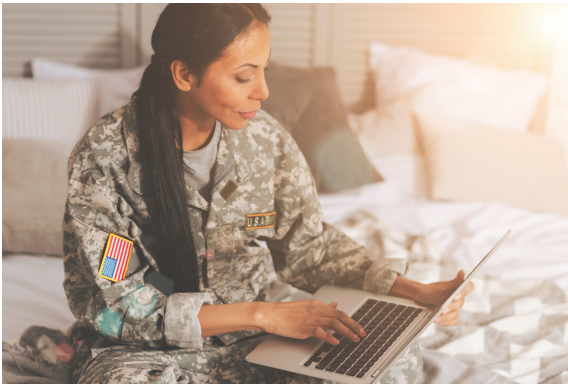
Don't forget to **verify the term dates** you are selecting on your TA request **match** the dates for each class on **your schedule**.

Branch	TA Request Window Opens	TA Request Window Closes	Ivy Tech needs copy of approval
Air Force	45 days prior to class start	7 days prior to class start	No
Army	60 days prior to class start	7 days prior to class start	No
Coast Guard	90 days prior to class start	14 days prior to class start	Yes
Marine Corps	60 days prior to class start	First day of class	Yes
Navy	120 days prior to class start	14 days prior to class start	Yes

See our [website](#) for further information.

### Quick links to get started:

Air Force: [Military Tuition Assistance](#)  
Army: [ArmyIgnitED](#)



Coast Guard: [Tuition Assistance](#)  
 Marine Corps: [Marine Corps Community](#)  
 Navy: [Tuition Assistance / NCPACE](#)

## Your Veteran and Military Benefits Specialist

Each campus has a Veteran & Military Benefit Specialist (VMBS). They are your local campus contact for all things veteran and military related.



Things to ask your VMBS:

- How to use your benefits
- How to navigate active duty deployment or annual training during the semester
- Campus resources available
- How to use Financial Aid with VA
- How to be full time for VA

You can find them by clicking the button below:

[Locate Your VMBS](#)

## Important Information

The VA requires your official military and prior college (if applicable) transcripts to be on file with the school you are currently attending. To request your official military transcripts, please click on the appropriate button below and have your official transcript sent to Ivy Tech Community College.

Do NOT enroll in an IVYT class, as you should receive credit from your military transcript, as you will be financially responsible for associated costs for the course and it will not be used toward your rate of pursuit for VA education benefits.

**Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy:**



**Air Force:**



Click Here

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## Resources



Did you know that even if you just take classes virtually or online, you are always welcome to come to campus for access to a computer with free Wi-Fi? As an Ivy Tech student, you have access to a plethora of free resources available online and on-campus, including access to campus computer labs, Wi-Fi, and on-campus study lounges. Check out the quick links below:

Military Family Relief Fund

Disabled Veterans Rights



Caring Assistance Resources for Every Student

### Ivy Cares

- Emergency Funds
- Transportation
- Food Insecurity
- Mental Health
- IvyAssist
- Technology Access
- Child Care

Financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced-cost help. Visit [findhelp.org](http://findhelp.org) for more information.

### [Family and Social Services Administration](#)

### [IDVA Veteran Resource Hub](#)

[Easterseals Crossroads](#): Easterseals Crossroads recognizes the urgent needs facing military families and veterans as they reintegrate into their communities after serving our country.

[Dress for Success Indianapolis](#): The mission of Dress for Success Indianapolis is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

[INVETS](#): INVETS is a nonprofit organization founded by veterans that helps former service members transition to civilian life by connecting them with Indiana employers and providing career-building resources.

[Soldier & Family Readiness Center](#): SFRCs offer reliable information and referrals. These services are structured to include service members of any branch or component, Family Members, Veterans, as well as DoD Civilians.

[#VetResources](#) is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their Families, Caregivers, and Survivors.

## Volunteer Opportunities: [VNA Hospice NWI](#)

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# Thank You!

Thank you for reading VMB News. This monthly newsletter was created with you - the veteran/military benefit student - in mind. We hope to keep you apprised of developments regarding your benefits, provide you with reminders for requirements for your certifications, and give you important college updates throughout the year. We are excited to be a part of your educational experience!



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