



Dear Student,

You are receiving this email because you are coded in our database as a Veteran or dependent student using GI Bill® benefits in Spring 2021. **If you are planning on using your benefits in Fall 2021, please carefully read the information below, as it applies to you.** I previously sent an email for students who will be using benefits in Summer 2021, which I attached here for reference.

The COVID-19 pandemic required VCCCD (Ventura Colleges, Oxnard College, and Moorpark College) to switch to online instruction with the exception of a few courses. New legislation allows the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to pay education benefits regardless of the fact that a course has been converted from resident training to online training. GI Bill® students will continue to receive housing allowance payments at the resident training until 12/21/2021, or until the school resumes normal operations of resident training, for programs converted solely to online training. **This means if a college converts from an approved residence training course to online training for that course (distance learning) due to COVID-19, benefits will not change.**

Only the courses that were converted from resident to online will be certified for GI Bill® benefits as resident classes. Classes that were originally scheduled as online will be certified as distance education. The Admissions and Records Office has prepared a list of classes that will be certified as online (distance education) for Fall 2021 semester. **If the class you are registering for is on the list, it will be certified as an online course.** Attached is a list of courses for [Fall 2021 that will certified as online](#). If your course(s) is **not** listed, then it will be certified as resident. **To maximize your housing allowance, you must be registered for at least ONE course that is NOT on this list.**

For information regarding eligibility, application for benefits, enrollment verifications, and [frequently asked questions](#), please visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill or call 1-888-442-4551.

Please note, the rate of pursuit and housing allowance is determined by VA. Call VA **directly** at 1-800-827-1000 with any questions regarding BAH qualifications. If you have any questions related to your certification, please contact your School Certifying Official at vcadmissions@vccd.edu or [visit GI Bill® Benefits](#).