



Dear Student,

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 Spring 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 [Spring 2021 that will be certified as online](#). If your course(s) is **not** listed on this list, then it will be certified as resident.

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. Furthermore, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recently issued a news release extending debt relief to Veterans through the end of the year. The full release can be found here: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5485>. Collection actions on Veterans debts owed to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Treasury Department remain suspended through the end of 2020.

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@vcccd.edu or [visit GI Bill® Benefits](#).