



Military Connected Students

www.orangecoastcollege.edu/veterans

Please visit our website for direct links to all the information below.



Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

Student Union, 2nd Floor
714-432-0202 x26188
occvrc@occ.cccd.edu

- Veterans Pirate Program (support for textbooks, transportation, supplies)
- Technology Lending
- Emergency Funding
- Computer lab & free printing
- SALUTE (Veterans National Honor Society)
- OCC SVA (Veterans Club)

Student Success and Equity

Specialist

Jonathan Jimenez

VRC Professional Expert

Freddy Aviles

Veterans Services

Watson Hall, 1st Floor
714-432-5836
vetservices@occ.cccd.edu

- Admissions
- Priority Registration
- Education Benefits
- Military Tuition Assistance
- Cal Vet Fee Waiver
- Fees and Payments

Certifying Official:

Courtney Bernal

Certifying Official/Team Lead:

Jami Jacobi



Veteran Counselor

VRC – By Appointment Only

- Expanded tutoring referrals
- Student Education Plans & Class Selection
- Career Planning
- Transfer/Graduation Assistance

To Schedule an Appointment:



Veteran Services: New Student – Getting Started Checklist (Using VA Benefits at OCC)

- ☐ Apply for Benefits with VA (<http://vets.gov>)
- ☐ Apply for admission to OCC: www.orangecoastcollege.edu / allow 5-7 business days processing
- ☐ Review and Submit [Online Benefits Briefing](#) (if using GI Education Benefits)
- ☐ Apply for Aid (optional, but recommended)
 - [Financial Aid](#): Watson Hall, 4th Floor
 - [Veterans Pirate Program](#): Veterans Resource Center, Student Center, 2nd Floor (VRC)
- ☐ Order official [transcripts](#) from all prior colleges. Must be sent directly from the school to OCC to be deemed “official”. Contact prior school for ordering instructions.
- ☐ Academic Counseling & Student Education Plan (SEP)
 - Meet with the [Veteran Counselor](#) (appointment will be scheduled upon Benefit Briefing submission)
- ☐ Register for classes with [veteran priority](#) (not *required* to meet with counselor prior to registration)
 - Check MyCoast for your eligibility & assigned registration date. Must complete to qualify:
 - **Online Academic Orientation** (via MyCoast – Registration – View My Priority Eligibility)
 - **Student Education Plan** (may use General Counseling if needed for priority purposes)
- ☐ Pay tuition and fees
 - Chapter 33 & Chapter 31 – defer fees by submitting a DD214 or COE at least 48 hours prior to drop date
 - Tuition Assistance – fees can be deferred by submitting your TA Authorization
 - Fees must be paid or deferred before the 1st non-payment drop date
- ☐ Submit an **Online Certification Request** (via [OCC Veteran website](#)) immediately after registering (required each term to request certification)
- ☐ [Verify your enrollment \(at end of month\)](#) – if using CH 1606, 30, 35, or 33.