Application Process
1. Determine your eligibility by contacting the VA at 1-888-442-4551 or http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp
2. Apply for Education Benefits
   a. Veteran who did not use benefits previously: VA Form 22-1990
   b. Dependent who did not use benefits previously: VA Form 22-5490
   c. Dependent who received transferred benefits: VA Form 22-1990E
3. Previously used benefits at another school or in another training program
   a. Veteran: VA Form 22-1995
   b. Dependent: VA Form 22-5495
   c. Dependent who received transferred benefits: VA Form 22-1995
4. Complete the admissions process for your school
5. Apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
6. Upon receipt of your Certificate of Eligibility or benefits letter from the VA, provide a copy to the school certifying official immediately
7. Maintain regular communication with the school certifying official to:
   a. Ensure benefits are processed correctly and without interruption
   b. Schedule/drop/add/withdraw from classes
   c. Change or add major
   d. Change contact information
   e. Notify of change in military status

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Additional Resources
- Department of Veterans Affairs
  VA Regional Processing Office
  1-888-442-4551
- Pennsylvania Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
  1-800-547-2838
- Job/Career Center
  www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us
- Veteran’s Affairs Website
  http://va.gov/
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
  1-800-692-7392
  www.pheaa.org
- Military Transcripts
  http://aarts.army.mil
  https://smart.navy.mil
- GI BILL
  www.benefits.va.gov
  www.facebook.com/gibillEducation
- Troops to Teachers
  1-866-242-3295

Notice of Nondiscrimination
Westmoreland County Community College will not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ancestry, union membership or any other legally protected classification. Announcement of this policy is in accordance with state law including the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and with federal law, including Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Inquiries should be directed to the Affirmative Action Officer (presently Sylvia Detar) at 724-925-4190 or in Room 4100D, WCCC Business & Industry Center, Youngwood, PA 15697.

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Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty
Chapter 30
Provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for:
- College, business, technical or vocational school
- On-the-job training & apprenticeship programs
- Remedial, deficiency & refresher training (in some cases)
- Tests, licensures or certification fees
- Tuition assistance: “Top-Up”
- Correspondence courses
- Flight training (in some cases)
- National tests

Eligible Veterans:
- Entered active duty after June 30, 1985
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Received an honorable discharge
- Continuously Served for at least 2 years

Post 9/11 GI Bill
Chapter 33
Provides up to 36 months of education benefits to include:
- Tuition & fees paid directly to your school
- Monthly housing allowance based on BAH rates for an E-5 with dependents within your school’s zip code
- Books & supplies stipend of up to $1000/year

Approved training:
- Graduate & undergraduate degrees
- Vocational/technical degrees
- On-the-job training
- Flight training
- Correspondence training
- Licensing & national testing programs
- Entrepreneurship training & tutorial assistance

Eligible Veterans:
- Entered active duty after September 10, 2001
- Served at least 90 days of aggregate service

*must have served 36 months or more active duty to receive 100%

Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserves
Chapter 1606
Provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve

Eligible Reservists or National Guard members:
- Signed six year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve after June 30, 1985
- Completed IADT
- Received high school diploma or GED before completing IADT
- Currently in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve Unit
- Benefits end with separation

Reserve Educational Assistance
Chapter 1607
Provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of Selected Reserve & Individual Ready Reserve

Eligible Reservists:
- Served active duty on or after September 11, 2001 under title 10, U.S. Code, for at least 90 consecutive days under a contingency operation
- Eligibility ends upon separating from Selected Reserves

Eligible National Guard members:
- Active service extends for 90 consecutive days or more
- Authorized under section 502(f), title 32, U.S. Code
- Service is authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for a national emergency
- Service is supported by federal funds
- Benefit paid is based on number of continuous active duty days as a percentage of the MGIB-AD

Veterans Educational Assistance
Chapter 32
Provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans who paid into VEAP while in the service
Can be used for:
- College or university programs
- Business, technical or vocational training
- On-the-job & apprenticeship training
- Remedial, deficiency & refresher training (in some cases)
- National Tests
- Correspondence courses
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Flight training (in some cases)
- Cost of certifications & licensures

Eligible Veterans:
- Entered active duty after December 31, 1976 & before July 1, 1985; &
- Contributed to VEAP before April 1, 1987; &
- Completed first period of service; &
- Received discharge under conditions other than dishonorable

Benefit paid is based on veterans’ total contribution plus matching funds from the VA plus any DoD contributions or kickers.

Dependents’ Educational Assistance
Chapter 35
Provides up to 45 months of education benefits to eligible spouses and children of certain veterans for:
- College or university programs
- Business, technical or vocational training
- On-the-job & apprenticeship training
- Remedial, deficiency & refresher training (in some cases)
- National tests
- Correspondence courses (spouses only)
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Cost of certifications & licensures

Eligible Dependents are the son, daughter or spouse of:
- A veteran who died or is permanently & totally disabled, as the result of service-connected disability
- A veteran who died from any cause while such service connected disability was in existence
- A service member missing in action or captured in the line of duty by a hostile force
- A service member forcibly detained or interred in the line of duty by a foreign government or power