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Since 1963, Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) has provided veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces with access to affordable education and workforce training programs that allow them to transition successfully from military to civilian life. To date, more than 30,000 veterans and service members have attended Tri-C.

Business and Industry in Northeast Ohio seek employees with the discipline and maturity that military service accrues. However, these same entities have had positions unfilled due to the need for skilled workers. This regional need makes Tri-C an ideal option for individuals moving towards their next career.

Tri-C stands ready to meet the needs of veterans through high quality, educational opportunities, both through traditional delivery as well as many options for online learning. These online offerings make classes accessible to individuals who may be still serving while stationed outside of our region. Educational options at Tri-C include short-term certification programs, classes leading to associate degrees, as well as opportunities to transfer to four-year degree programs.

Tri-C's Veteran Services and Programs are distinguished from other area college veteran programs because:

- Tri-C offers veterans wishing to quickly transition back to the workforce a variety of fast-track certification and degree programs that align with Northeast Ohio workforce needs (e.g., manufacturing and applied technologies, skilled trades training and healthcare).
- Tri-C's Veterans Education Access Program (VEAP) has a 45+ year history of providing support services to eligible veterans not yet ready for college to complete preparatory coursework, develop academic skills and remain enrolled in and graduate from post-secondary education. In addition to support for veterans, these support services are available for dependent family members, as well as military service members who may still be serving such as Reservists and National Guard.
- Tri-C is committed to professional development that provides Tri-C faculty, staff and administrators with tools to better serve those who have served.
- Tri-C is also committed to serving the families of veterans. In addition to being nationally recognized for its veteran services, Tri-C has received national recognition for its support of military spouses. The College provides support to the entire family, recognizing that everyone in the family has played an important role in service.
- Through Tri-C's Veterans Initiative and its Veteran Services & Programs Office, Tri-C continues its commitment to enhance

outreach to veterans, military service members, and their families.

Education and support services include:

- Benefits acquisition (GI Bill[®])
- Veterans Education Access Program
- Tutorial services for Tri-C student veterans
- Veterans Today Club
- Registration and enrollment support
- Assessment and counseling
- Special classroom needs (Student Accessibility Services)
- Occupational career programs
- Baccalaureate transfer/liberal arts curriculum
- Bachelor's degree completion
- Post-degree professional certificates
- Apprenticeship Programs/Applied Industrial Technology
- Career planning
- Scholarship opportunities
- Student life outreach and activities
- Distance learning/eLearning opportunities
- Access to community resources
- Access to employment opportunities

Whether a discharged veteran, still serving on active duty or a member of the Guard or Reserve, you and your family are welcomed home at Tri-C. Visit www.tri-c.edu/veterans for more information.

Military/Veterans Attendance & Participation

The following is Cuyahoga Community College policy, developed in accordance with the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) – Education Policy Manual Section 103, PL 115-407, regarding student veteran status while awaiting VA Tuition and Fee Payments. Those effected are those student veterans using CH 33 of the GI Bill[®] (Post 9-11 GI Bill[®]), or CH 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation Benefit).

The College will NOT:

- Penalize the student while waiting for the VA to make tuition and fee payments
- Deny a student access to classrooms, libraries or other institutional facilities
- Make the student borrow money to cover the cost while waiting for payment
- Charge a student a late fee or penalty

The period of coverage begins when the student provides the school with a COE or a Statement of Benefit:

- The College can require the student to submit the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or Statement of Benefits no later than the first day of the program.
- The College can also require the student to submit a written request to use benefits or other necessary certifications.

The period of coverage ends when the VA makes payment or 90 days after the date school certifies tuition and fees.

Veterans Education Access Program (VEAP)

VEAP provides a variety of support services to assist veteran students in the successful pursuit and completion of their educational and career goals. VEAP offers an academic enrichment program featuring refresher courses in math, English and basic computer skills. Individual or small group sessions are available within the program. Other services include academic and financial aid advising; career and personal counseling; tutoring; Veterans Affairs benefits information; college transfer assistance; scholarship opportunities; peer mentoring; and a veterans' club. All services are free to eligible participants at the Eastern, Metropolitan and Western campuses. Verification of military status is required. Call 216-987-4938 or visit VEAP at www.tri-c.edu/veap.