

Veterans' Educational Benefits

<http://www.oregoncoastcc.org/veterans-benefits/>

OCCC recognizes the sacrifice of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and we are honored to assist veterans and their dependents with utilizing their benefits. OCCC provides students with access to any VA education benefits they may be entitled to.

The Veterans Liaison is here to help veterans and their dependents use their VA education benefits to support their college expenses. Benefits are certified through OCCC's contracting college, Portland Community College (PCC). Students apply with the VA and certify their schedule through their myPCC account.

Students using any type of Federal Veterans Administration (VA) Education Benefit are required to have all prior credit history evaluated. It is the student's responsibility to request official transcripts from all previous colleges and submit them to OCCC. Students must also complete and submit the Transfer Credit Evaluation request found in their myPCC. A student's first term of VA benefits may be certified while waiting for transcript evaluation, however no subsequent terms will be certified for VA Benefits until transfer credit evaluation is complete. All credits will be evaluated and transferred according to the policies stated in this catalog.

A person eligible for benefits under the federal Post- 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits to veterans shall be entitled to Oregon resident status for purposes of tuition and fees charged at Oregon Coast Community College.

Types of Financial Aid Available to Students

Grants:

Federal Pell Grant – Federal Pell Grants provide funding to students who meet certain eligibility criteria, according to federal guidelines. The amount awarded to students is determined by their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and enrollment. Pell Grants are prorated based on a student's enrollment level status.

Oregon Opportunity Grant – The Oregon Opportunity Grant is awarded to eligible Oregon residents enrolled at least half-time (6 credits or more). Award are adjusted with based on a student's enrollment level status.

Oregon Promise Grant – Oregon Promise Grants are available to recent high school graduates. For more information about eligibility and application requirements, visit the Office of Student Access and Completion website at <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/>.

Students not eligible for grants or scholarships or requiring additional funds to meet educational expenses, may be eligible for student loans. Student loans are available to students and families to borrow money for assistance with funding educational needs.

Loans:

Federal Direct Loan Program – The Federal Direct Loan is a funding source for students enrolled at least half time (6 credits or more) and is made available to students through the U.S. Department of Education. Direct Loans are either subsidized or unsubsidized. A subsidized loan is awarded on the basis of financial need. If a student qualifies for a subsidized loan the Federal government pays interest on the loan while the student continues to be enrolled at least half-time up to Federal Subsidized Usage Limit Amount. An unsubsidized loan is an additional resource, not awarded on the basis of need. Once disbursed, students receiving an unsubsidized loan are responsible for the accruing interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. Borrowers may choose to pay the interest or allow it to accumulate. If allowed to accrue, the interest will be capitalized – added to the principal amount – and will increase the amount to be repaid.

Nursing Loan – The Nursing loan is funded through the Department of Health and Human Services. It is available on a funds available basis through PCC. If you have questions about the Nursing Loan, contact OCCC's Financial Aid Specialist.

Students loan amounts are limited annually and cumulatively by Federal regulations. Students are prohibited from borrowing more than their cost of attendance minus any other financial aid and scholarships received.

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