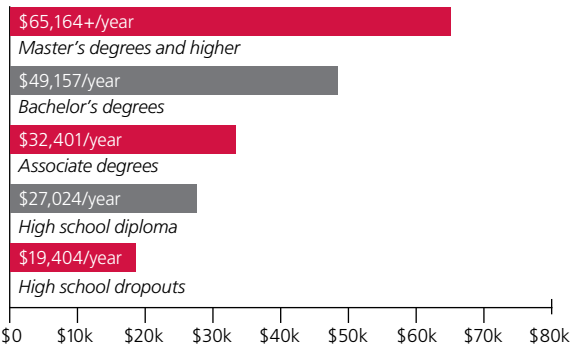




The highway to higher wages.

Students who earn a degree or certificate from a California community college nearly double their earnings within three years. What's more, attending or graduating from a community college doubles an individual's chance of finding a job compared to those who failed to complete high school.

2012 Median Income by Education Level



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "American Community Survey," 2012

Common Types of State and Federal Aid	Award Amount (subject to change)
Federal Pell Grant	Up to \$5,730 per academic year*
Cal Grant B	Up to \$1,648 per academic year**
Board of Governors Fee Waiver	Waives enrollment fees*

*Apply year-round.

**Apply between January 1 and March 2 for Entitlement awards, or by September 2 for Competitive awards. Visit calgrants.org for more information.

For a comprehensive list of different types of financial aid, visit icanaffordcollege.com. For more detailed information on Veterans Educational Benefits and other services, visit www.gibill.va.gov.

If you are a recently discharged veteran who is currently unemployed or has just experienced a decrease in income, you should inform your college financial aid office about your change in income status when applying for financial aid, as this could help determine your award amount.

Common Types of Veterans Benefits	Who May Be Eligible
Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty)	Members who first entered active duty on or after 7/1/85 with at least a two-year enlistment.
Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment VetSuccess Program)	Veterans with service-connected disabilities.
Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill)	Members who served on active duty for at least 90 aggregate days after 9/10/01.
Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill – Reserves)	Reserve members who have a six-year obligation signed after 6/30/85.
Chapter 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance Program – REAP)	Reserve members who served on active duty for at least 90 consecutive days starting on or after 9/11/01.
College Fee Waiver for Veterans' Dependents Program	Dependent children, spouses or unmarried surviving spouses of a service-connected disabled or deceased veteran.

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Brought to you by the California Community Colleges, the "I Can Afford College" campaign informs current and prospective students and their families about the year-round availability of financial aid. For more information, visit icanaffordcollege.com.

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Find career success after military service



With fast, affordable career training and readily available financial aid, the California Community Colleges can help veterans improve and increase their work skills and get on the fast track to a rewarding job.



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The smart choice for veterans.

If you are a veteran returning from active duty, you need a fast, affordable way to transition from military service to the job market—community college can help you meet that goal. As the state's largest provider of affordable career training, the California Community Colleges can give you an education that enhances your existing skills, provide you with new skills, and put you on the fast track to a rewarding job.

Community colleges offer hundreds of opportunities in fields such as advanced manufacturing, health care, information technology, renewable energy, biotechnology, manufacturing, advanced transportation, police and fire science, communications, and many more. The colleges offer short-term programs with hands-on training that can lead to immediate employment. In addition to career training, community colleges also offer associate degrees and prepare students for transfer to four-year universities.

Where do I start?

As a first step, visit

SalarySurfer.cccco.edu and use the Select a Program of Study pull-down menu to see which campuses provide the career training you want, learn more about the types of degrees and certificates offered, and view the annual median salaries earned by California students after receiving a certificate or degree.

You can also visit CaliforniaCommunityColleges.cccco.edu and use the Find a Community College search box to learn more about the college you're interested in and the services available for student veterans.

Before registering for classes, you are encouraged (or you may be required) to complete pre-enrollment activities that include orientation, assessment, and meeting with an academic counselor to develop an education plan. A counselor can help you determine which educational or career path is right for you and can tell you about any veterans support programs offered by the college.

How do I pay for college?

Financial aid is available year-round to help cover the cost of community college fees, books, supplies, and sometimes even rent. There are many different types of financial aid, including grants, scholarships, and fee waivers which do not have to be repaid*, and loans which must be paid back. To apply for financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at icanaffordcollege.com.

In addition to financial aid, you can also apply for veterans benefits.* As a student veteran, you can receive VA benefits as well as federal and state financial aid to assist with covering your college expenses. You should apply to a community college that offers your program of interest before applying for benefits. To confirm your eligibility status and apply for veterans benefits, visit gibill.va.gov. Veterans receive priority registration at any California community college that administers a priority enrollment system.

Many California community colleges have Veterans Resource Centers where peer mentors are available to assist new students with information on programs for student veterans, including financial aid. There are many other services available as well, such as student veteran organizations and Boots to Books transition courses. Nearly 40 percent of all California veterans receiving GI educational benefits attend a California community college for job training or to get a degree. Don't delay, enroll today. Visit CCCApply.org to enroll in a California community college near you.

*See table on back panel.

