SAN DIEGO CONTINUING EDUCATION

Veteran Services
Frequently Asked Questions
(FAQs)

1) **How do I use my VA Education Benefits at SDCE?**

> **To get started at SDCE, Veteran students may:**

1. **Get started with your VA Education Benefits at https://www.va.gov/education/**
2. **Complete your SDCE application at http://sdce.edu/services/registration-enrollment**
3. **Get your student attendance card at ECC's Student Services Office**
4. **Sign-up for required program orientation or interest list**
5. **Attend the required program orientation, use your access code provided at the orientation or from your instructor to register online using the code and the class CRN (special number for each class).**
6. **Make a certification appointment with SDCE's Veteran Services at csaldana@sdccd.edu or (619) 800 – 4472.**
7. **Complete your VA Education Benefits certification process with SDCE's Veterans Services office located at ECC in the R²S Center, room 116 on your scheduled appointment day.**
8. **Communicate regularly with Veterans Services, we are here to help!**
9. **Attend class regularly and complete your program on-time.**
10. **Students must have an email to apply and register at SDCE. If you do not have an active email, sign-up for a free Gmail account here: https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/gmail/setting-up-a-gmail-account/1/**

2) **What programs may I use my VA Education Benefits for?**

❖ **Automotive Technician**
❖ **Auto Body and Paint Technician**
❖ **Automotive Service Advisor**
❖ **Combined Upholstery**
❖ **Shielded Metal Arc Welding**

3) **Does SDCE charge fees for classes or programs?**

> **All classes and CTE programs are tuition-free at SDCE. Some courses and programs have material and supply fees or costs.**

4) **Do I need to attend full-time?**

> All programs you may use your VA Education Benefits in are full-time, 25 hours a week, Monday thru Thursday.

5) **How long does it take to complete my program?**

> Programs vary by required hours for completion. You may complete a program certificate anywhere from 3 to 11 months depending on your selected program.

6) **May I use my VA Education Benefits in more than one program at SDCE?**

> At the completion of a program, you may enroll in any of the programs certified for use of your VA
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> Education benefits in.

7) **May I take any class or program offered at SDCE?**

> SDCE is open access and students may take any class or program offered at SDCE. VA Education Benefits may only be used with the certified programs listed in question two (2).

8) **Are there programs certified for use of my VA Education Benefit programs offered on the weekend or evenings?**

> Auto Body and Paint Technician and Automotive Service Advisor are offered in an evening schedule. There are no weekend programs offered at this time.

9) **How do I find out more about my VA Education Benefits?**

> Please contact VA Education and Training directly at 1-888-GIBILL1 (888-442-4551) between 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday-Friday or visit https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/ for more information. The VA Education and Training will answer any questions concerning your eligibility, benefits available, benefit deductions or payments.

10) **May I earn college credit for attending any of the VA approved programs?**

> SDCE's Automotive Technician program offers the opportunity to earn up to 24 college credits for Miramar College's Automotive degree program. Please make an appointment with the program's counselor, Marcia Grant at mgrant@sdccd.edu for more information.