

Veterans Educational Services

The Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center is dedicated to providing assistance, support, and resources to military service members, Veterans, and their families. The Center welcomes Bristol's Veteran and military-support community to meet, connect, and share experiences. The Center offers advising, tutoring, professional development, and networking opportunities, and serves as home to Bristol's Student Veterans Association, the College's military-affiliated student club.

Bristol Community College is approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to offer the following VA educational programs:

- Chapter 30, Montgomery GI Bill®
- Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E/ Voc Rehab)
- Chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill®
- Chapter 35, Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)
- Chapter 1606, Selected Reserve GI Bill® (Reserve & National Guard)

Additional educational benefits offered at Bristol:

- Massachusetts National Guard (NG) State Tuition & Fee Waiver (NG Certificate of Eligibility must be submitted to Student Accounts office)
- Massachusetts Veterans Tuition Waiver (Copy of DD214 (#4) must be submitted to Financial Aid office)

Bristol's VA School Certifying Official (SCO) and Veterans Center staff are here to assist in applying for, and processing VA benefits. For more info please call 774-357-2227, email veterans@bristolcc.edu, or stop by the Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center, located at Building E, Room 103, Fall River campus.

In compliance with S2248 PL 115-407 Section 103, Bristol Community College allows individuals who provide proof of eligibility for Veterans Educational Benefits, under Chapters 31 (VR & E) or Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill®) to begin courses at any time after the effective date, stated on their certificate of eligibility or VA 22-1905 form. Bristol Community College allows eligible students to remain in their course(s) until the Secretary submits payment to the college, and will not impose academic or financial penalties (denial of access to classes, libraries or other resources and/or late fees) on the student for delayed payment. The covered individual will not be required to pay/borrow additional funds, in order to satisfy their balance, as long as eligibility for Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 remains in place.

In accordance with The Veterans Choice Act, section 702, the college will charge in-state tuition and fee amounts to "covered individuals." A covered individual is defined as:

- A Veteran who lives in the state where the institute of higher learning (IHL) is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

- An individual using transferred benefits who lives in the state where the IHL is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three-year period following discharge or release as described above and must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States Code.
- Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits who lives in the state where the IHL is located and the transferor is a member of the uniformed service who is serving on active duty.
- Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state where the IHL is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence).

The in-state tuition provisions do not apply to those individuals on active duty using benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® and Montgomery GI Bill®-Active Duty.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

Once you are on your way

Throughout your time at Bristol, you can receive assistance and support for your educational and career goals as you need it. Here is a sample of what we offer.