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| **Veterans' Resource Center Logo** | NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST |

1. Apply for the **GI Bill** (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>), ([www.vet.gov](http://www.vet.gov)),([www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov))
2. Appl**y for Admission** to Santa Monica College (<http://www.smc.edu/EnrollmentDevelopment/Admissions/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx>)
3. Complete the online student **Orientation** ([www.smc.edu/orient](http://www.smc.edu/orient))
4. Apply for **Financial Aid** (Drescher Hall 1st Floor (310) 434-4343)
   1. Apply by submitting the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) where you will first need to obtain an **FSA ID**. (<https://fsaid.ed.gov>)
   2. Make sure to add SMC's federal ID#: **001286**
5. Apply for **California College Promise Grant (CCPG)** Pays for tuition for California residents who qualify (***must have 1 year and 1 day in CA to be considered a resident***)
   1. Log on to your Corsair Connect to apply [Corsair Connect](http://www.smc.edu/cc)
6. If you have taken coursework elsewhere please have an **Official Transcript(s)** sent to the admissions office (***note that you cannot hand deliver your transcript, they must be sent from the other academic institution***)
   1. **Santa Monica College Admissions Office, 1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405**
7. Take the Math and English placement exams (if needed) at the assessment center located in the Liberal Arts Building, Room 109 (***note: this office gets extremely busy prior to the beginning of a semester, please arrive early***)
   1. Visit the Assessment Center for tools on preparation for the placement exams or access the guided self-placement tools, go to [Corsair Connect](http://www.smc.edu/cc). Log in, click the “Placement” tab, and follow the instructions on the screen.
8. See a **Veteran Counselor** located in the liberal arts building room 135 to create an **educational plan**, the following items are required:
   1. Copy of DD214
   2. Certificate of Eligibility (*provided by VA once you are approved for educational benefits*)
   3. Unofficial transcripts from other institutions
   4. Student ID number
9. Meet with **VSOC Counselor** (Dr. Julie Johns, [julie.johns2@va.gov](mailto:julie.johns2@va.gov) to go over VA benefits and any possible entitlements (*i.e. Vocational Rehabilitations, Stem Extension on GI Bill, Disability Claims*)
10. Meet with **US Vets Counselor** (Daniel Hermosillo, [hermosillo\_daniel@smc.edu](mailto:hermosillo_daniel@smc.edu)) to go over any counseling needs outside of college (*i.e. Free furniture, Free legal assistance, rent or other needs*)
11. **Enroll in Classes** (*You will* ***only*** *be paid for courses listed on your VRC education plan*)
    1. Log in/[Corsair Connect](http://www.smc.edu/cc), select enroll
    2. Select semester(s) for which you want to enroll
    3. Click add a class, click on search icon, find your course, select it
12. **Fill out Certification Agreement Form** immediately after enrolling in classes
    1. Submit Certification Agreement Form to the VRC (Note: if you **add** or **drop** any classes listed on the Certification Agreement Form let the certifying official immediately, failure to do so may result in garnished VA payments.
13. Apply for you **VA HEALTH CARD** by visiting the VA Medical Center located at 11301 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90073

SMC New Student Veteran Webpage link:

[*http://www.smc.edu/StudentServices/VeteransResourceCenter/Pages/New-Student-Veterans-to-SMC.aspx*](http://www.smc.edu/StudentServices/VeteransResourceCenter/Pages/New-Student-Veterans-to-SMC.aspx)

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