

# VETERANS

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## **Veterans Resource Center** - Room W108, (626)585-7226 X4

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) at Pasadena City College provides a comprehensive program of services for veteran and military-connected students. PCC's VRC has been recognized nationally as a leader in best practices, a military friendly school, and the best community college veteran resource center in the state of California for over a decade.

The VRC provides the essential components in academic support services for veterans, military-connected students and for faculty to complement classroom learning and college success. We offer special programs, resources and activities to help the transition to civilian and professional life.

The VRC is located in W108 complete with a computer lab, free printing, assistive technology, lending libraries, tutoring, mentors, academic and personal counseling, relaxation area, kitchen station and a myriad of support programs, workshops and activities.

PCC's VRC participates in the Department of Education's 8 Keys to Veterans' Success and ensures the following:

1. Create a culture of trust and connectedness across the campus community to promote well-being and success for veterans.
2. Ensure consistent and sustained support from campus leadership.
3. Implement an early alert system to ensure all veterans receive academic, career, and financial advice before challenges become overwhelming.
4. Coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all veterans, together with the creation of a designated space for them (even if limited in size).
5. Collaborate with local communities and organizations, including government agencies, to align and coordinate various services for veterans.
6. Utilize a uniform set of data tools to collect and track information on veterans, including demographics, retention, and degree completion.
7. Provide comprehensive professional development for faculty and staff on issues and challenges unique to veterans.
8. Develop systems that ensure sustainability of effective practices for veterans.

PCC's VRC has developed an extensive partnership with community partners in which we have representatives from national, state, local and veteran organizations, and service providers on rotation in our VRC. We are one of only 9 community colleges in California that have an approved CA Vocational Rehabilitation, Vet Success on Campus Representative in the VRC two days a week.

Our VRC sponsors and supports our Student Veteran of America's Chaptered PCC Veterans Club. The PCC Veterans Club provides additional added benefits to veteran and military connected students.

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is a centralized hub at PCC for veterans, military members, and their dependents. From processing your educational benefits to helping you while at PCC to connecting you to

community resources and services — we are here to ensure you get the support you need to continue your academic career and succeed.

## **Veterans Using Educational Benefits** - Room W108, (626) 585-7475

Pasadena City College is approved as an institution for higher learning for veterans and veterans' dependents entitled to educational assistance.

Veterans enrolling at Pasadena City College and intending to use VA educational benefits for the first time are required to submit the following documents to the veterans' clerk before they will be certified for benefits:

1. Member 4 copy of Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214).
2. Official transcripts from all colleges attended.
3. Veteran's Statement of Responsibility (obtained from the veterans' clerk).
4. Certificate of Eligibility for educational benefits, or verification of application for benefits.
5. Other documents requested by the veterans' clerk are necessary to complete the application for benefits.

There are several education programs available for veterans, reservists, and dependents. The benefits for each program are different; therefore, please refer to the Veterans Records and Admissions section regarding veterans' education benefits.