

Program Overview

The mission of Central Ohio Technical College is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.



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Veterans, Military and Dependent Students

Central Ohio Technical College welcomes veterans and those serving on active duty.

COTC offers flexibility of programs and procedures particularly in admissions, advising, credit transfer, course articulations, recognition of nontraditional learning experiences and scheduling of classes. COTC's course format and residency requirements provide enhanced access to servicemembers and their family members to undergraduate education programs.

Transfer Credit

- Credit for Military Training and Experience. Recognize and use ACE *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services* in evaluating and awarding academic credit for military training and experience
- Credit for Nationally-Recognized Testing Programs. Award credit for nationally-recognized testing programs such as College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Educational Benefits Available

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program

Voc Rehab (chapter 31) may be available for veterans with an established employment handicap resulting from a service-connected disability. The rating must be 10% or more. This benefit may be used for approved degree and certificate programs. Remedial, deficiency and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Tuition/fees and books/supplies are paid for by Voc Rehab and the veteran receives a monthly stipend for at least half-time enrollment.

Post-9/11 GI Bill® (chapter 33)

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate

service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The amount of support that an individual may qualify for is based upon their training time and the amount of credit hours enrolled. The housing allowance is not payable to those pursuing less than 6.5 hours.

Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty (chapter 30)

The MGIB program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. **This benefit may be used for approved degree and certificate programs.** Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Benefits are paid directly to the veteran on a monthly basis.

Montgomery GI Bill® - Selected Reserve (chapter 1606)

The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. **This benefit may be used for approved degree and certificate programs.** Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

Reserve Educational Assistance Program

REAP (chapter 1607) REAP was established as a part of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. It is a Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress. This program ensures that reservists who were activated for at least 90

days after September 11, 2001 are either eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits.

Veterans Educational Assistance Program VEAP (chapter 32) VEAP is available if you first entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985 and you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Your contributions are matched on a \$2 for \$1 basis by the Government. **This benefit may be used for approved degree and certificate programs.** Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

Ohio National Guard Scholarship (ONGSP)

The Ohio National Guard Scholarship application needs to be submitted online by the deadline date each semester. If the ONGSP has been approved, the soldier will receive an email with the scholarship approval letter as an attachment which should be turned into the Fees and Deposits Office before the tuition due date each semester. The student must be enrolled for three or more credit hours in order to utilize ONGSP. ONGSP only covers the general and instructional fee (base tuition) and does not cover late fees, lab, course, acceptance or other miscellaneous fees related to course enrollment. The student is required to self-pay any difference before the tuition due date (unless covered by finalized financial aid).

More detailed instructions and deadline dates are available online:

https://ong.ohio.gov/information/education/scholarship_index.html

Please contact the ONGSP office at 1-888-400-6484 or email ng.oh.oharnng.mbx.ong-scholarship@mail.mil if you experience any difficulties with the application process.

See reverse side for more information.

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

The Federal Tuition Assistance application is submitted through www.goarmyed.com.

Soldier must have an account or create an account in order to submit course for approval. Max annual benefit is \$4,500. FTA is only to be used for academic programs to earn associates, bachelor's or master's degree. For more information, FTA does provide detailed overview online:

http://www.goarmyed.com/public_money_for_college-tuition_assistance.aspx

Spousal and Dependent Education Benefits:

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program DEA (chapter 35) DEA provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, or who died while on active duty or as a result of a service related condition. The program offers up to 36-45 months of education benefits. **These benefits may be used for approved degree and certificate programs.**

- Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA)
The Department of Defense (DoD) Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) program provides up to \$4000 of financial assistance to military spouses who are pursuing degree programs, licenses, or credentials leading to employment in Portable Career Fields.
Spouses of DoD Active Duty members and activated members of the National Guard and Reserve Components may be eligible. Contact the Fees & Deposits office once approved at 740.366.9232 or feesanddesposits@cotc.edu. Apply at <https://www.military.com/>.
- Veterans and those serving on active duty using the Post-9/11 GI Bill™ may be eligible to transfer unused educational benefits to their spouses and children. More information on the criteria for eligibility and transfer of education benefits can be found at: <http://www.benefits.va.gov>

Certification

Contact the School Certifying Official in the Office of Financial Aid, located in the Gateway, Hopewell Hall, Newark campus, to

complete required VA paperwork. Document forms can be found at:

go.cotc.edu/veterans.

Forms can be submitted in person or scanned and e-mailed to finaid@cotc.edu and they will be submitted to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs with verification of enrollment from the School Certifying Official of COTC. **Tuition and fees must be paid by the fee payment deadline each semester.** You may be eligible to sign a VA Intent to Pay® form to keep your registration active while waiting on the VA benefit.

Payment

Once the application and enrollment certification is submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs, it can take 6-8 weeks to start receiving any monthly VA payment. The check is mailed directly to you for the prior month's training or you may choose direct deposit. The VA always pays one month behind. For example; classes may start January 4th, but the VA will not pay for the month of January until the first week in February. Payments are based on the number of credit hours enrolled each semester.

If you change the number of credit hours, completely withdraw, or decide not to attend a semester, please notify the Office of Financial Aid immediately.

If called to active duty:

If a student, their spouse or a dependent of a soldier is called to active duty, they should report to the COTC Gateway Records Office with a copy of the orders. Retroactive withdrawals are reviewed on a case by case basis; please note that unearned financial aid may create a balance due to COTC.

How do I Start?

To get started, please go to go.cotc.edu/veterans for next steps, contact information and FAQ.

Newark Campus	740.366.9494 800.963.9275 Ext. 69222
Coshocton Campus	740.622.1408
Knox Campus	740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus	740.755.7090

For specific questions regarding Veterans and Active Duty Servicemembers, contact: Charlene Ross, Academic Advisor
740.755.7667 or ross.850@mail.cotc.edu

Misty Amacher, School Certifying Official, Office of Financial Aid
740.366.9459 or amacher.1@mail.cotc.edu

Connie Zang, Veteran Affairs Coordinator

Warner Center Suite 226 or 740.366.9441 or zang.3@mail.cotc.edu.

Accreditation/Membership

Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

Phone: 312.263.0456

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COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, Inc., the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Central Ohio Technical College is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for all. The college is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as matter of law. Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status (past, present or future), national origin (ancestry), race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a foster parent or any other basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission and employment. General information, questions, concerns or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator Holly Mason, Warner Center, Suite 236, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740.364.9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator Connie Zang at the same location.



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