

California MAP Initiative and Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) for Veterans

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Agenda

1. MAP Initiative and Why CPL
2. Joint Services Transcript (JST) and Prior Learning
3. Self Access (MAP Search Tool)
4. Support and Services Offered at California Community Colleges
5. Brainstorming Ideas for Collaboration

California MAP Initiative

Maximize CPL for Veterans so they receive the credits they have earned from their Joint Services Transcript (JST), save time and avoid repeat study, validate their course work and work experience from their MOS/RATE while in service, and achieve extended educational and career goals with existing benefits and financial aid.

What is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) or Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is college credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside of a college classroom. Students' knowledge and skills might be gained through experiences such as:

- **Military Training (JST Credit Recommendations)**
- Industry Certifications and Licenses
- Standardized Exams (DLPT, AP, IB, CLEP, etc.)
- Portfolio Review
- Credit by Exam

Non-Military CPL our Veterans May Have

- Examinations: Credit by Exam, CLEP, AP, IB
- Industry Credentials and Licensures
- Experiential Learning: Portfolios, Apprenticeship, etc.
- Noncredit to Credit
- High School Course to College Course Articulations

Why CPL and Why Now

- **#1 motivator to join military is higher education.**¹⁴
- 53% overall cite education as primary motivation;
- 62% for African Americans.¹⁵
- Only 36 months GI Bill Benefits for 48–66-month degree.

¹⁴ C. Zoli, R. Maury, & D. Fay. (November 2015). *Missing Perspectives: Servicemembers' Transition from Service to Civilian Life — Data-Driven Research to Enact the Promise of the Post-9/11 GI Bill* (Institute for Veterans & Military Families, Syracuse University. Website: [Missing Perspectives: Servicemembers' Transition from Service to Civilian Life- Data-Driven Research to Enact the Promise of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill \(syracuse.edu\)](https://www.syr.edu/~ivmf/missing-perspectives-servicemembers-transition-from-service-to-civilian-life-data-driven-research-to-enact-the-promise-of-the-post-9-11-gi-bill)

¹⁵Maury, R.V.; Zoli, C.; Fay, D.; Stone, B.; Linsner, R. K; Akin, J.L; Rivera, C.C.; Harvie, J.Y.; & Tihic, M. (2022). Data Brief: *Missing Perspectives: Black and African American in The Military – From Service to Civilian Life*. Syracuse, NY: Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse University. Website: [IVMF-Missing-Perspectives-Black-and-African-American-in-the-Military-Data-Brief-Feb-2022.docx \(live.com\)](https://www.syr.edu/~ivmf/missing-perspectives-black-and-african-american-in-the-military-data-brief-feb-2022.docx)

Why CPL and Why Now

Barriers to completing educational goals:

- Finances (56%)
- Family obligations (28%)
- **GI Bill benefits expire before completion (25%)**
- Disability and wellness (23%)
- Job and school conflict (22%)

Why CPL and Why Now

- 44% have service-connected disability.
47% of those have **disability rating >60%**.¹⁷
- **Disabilities associated with psychological distress** (e.g., depression, PTSD, and stress associated with finances).¹⁸
- These issues add to **transition stress**.

¹⁷U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2021). *Employment Situation of Veterans Summary*. Retrieved July 21, 2022. Website: <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/vet.nr0.htm>

¹⁸Vogt DS, Tyrell FA, Bramande EA, et al. (2019). *U.S. military veterans' health and well-being in the first year after service*. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2020;58:352-360. Retrieved July 20, 2022. Website: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31902684/>

Why CPL and Why Now

- 45,000 veterans and active-duty committed suicide over the past six years--more than 20 per day.¹⁹
- Strong link between **transition stress** and **suicide rate**.²⁰
- Suicide hazard **2.5 times higher within first year** of separation.^{21,22}

Fewer years of education = higher suicide hazard when compared to those with a Bachelor's.²¹

¹⁹Korb, L. (2019, December 4). *Caring for U.S. Veterans: A Plan for 2020*. Center for American Progress. Retrieved January 1, 2022. Website: <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/caring-u-s-veterans-plan-2020/#fn-478034-6>

²⁰Ravindran C, Morley SW, Stephens BM, Stanley IH, Reger MA. (2020). *Association of Suicide Risk with Transition to Civilian Life Among US Military Service Members*. *JAMA Network Open*. 2020;3(9):e2016261. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2020.16261. Website: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2770538>

²¹Shen Y-C, Cunha JM, Williams TV. (2016). *Time-varying associations of suicide with deployments, mental health conditions, and stressful life events among current and former US military personnel: a retrospective multivariate analysis*. *Lancet Psychiatry*. 3(11):1039-1048. doi:10.1016/S2215-0366(16)30304-2. Website: [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366\(16\)30304-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366(16)30304-2/fulltext)

²²Kapur N, While D, Blatchley N, Bray I, Harrison K. (2009). *Suicide after Leaving the UK Armed Forces —A Cohort Study*. *PLoS Med* 6(3): e1000026. Website: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1000026>

Primary Goal of CPL for Veterans

Easing transition stress by offering **CPL** and **VRC services** can significantly reduce barriers, display cultural understanding of military students, maximize GI Bill and Financial Aid, and force your Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) to engage both local military installations and regional industries.

PLA/CPL Landscape in California

- 116 CA Community Colleges in 72 Districts
- Transfer Pathways to Dozens of Universities
- Hundreds of CTE AA/AS Degrees and Certificates
- All IHLs have Local Boards and Academic Senates
- Common General Education yet No Common Major Prep or Course Numbering
- Legislated Faculty Control of Curriculum and Programs

Joint Services Transcript (JST)

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A Joint Services Transcript (JST) is an academically accepted document provided by the Department of Defense (DOD) that has been approved by the American Council on Education (ACE) to validate a service members military course completions, military occupations, college level test scores and other learning experiences.

- Provided to service members (Veteran, Active Duty, Reservists) for the following branches: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard.
- Accepted by more than 2,300 colleges and universities.
- Over 5,600 Credit Recommendations from ACE.
- **Free** of charge (98% via electronic vs 2% via paper).
- Link: <https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>.

Each JST Includes the Following:

- Personal service member information.
- Military course completions – full descriptions and credit recommendations.
- Military occupations – full descriptions, skill levels and credit recommendations.
- College level test score – CLEP, DSST and NCPACE.
- Other learning experiences – additional completed courses and completions that have not been evaluated by ACE for college credit.
- Complete summary page.
- Education completions: Degrees, Certifications, Licensures, and Apprenticeships (if applicable).
- Other academic course completions (if applicable).

JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPT

Branch of Service



ACE Seal

****OFFICIAL****

Service Member Information

Name: LINCOLN, ABRAHAM
 SSN: 332-12-1809
 Rank: Hospital Corpsman, Third Class (E4)
 Status: Separated

Transcript Sent To:
 Norco College (Riverside Community
 College District)
 Office of Admissions
 2001 Third Street
 Norco, Ca 92860

College Recipient

ACE Exhibit Information
(Courses)

Military Courses				
Military Course ID	ACE Identifier Course Title Location-Description-Credit Areas	Dates Taken	ACE Credit Recommendation	Level

Military Courses

A-950-0001 NV-2202-0165 V03 14-FEB-2013 to 13-APR-2013
Recruit Training:
 Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of general military and Navy protocol, first aid, personal health, safety, basic swimming, water survival skills, physical fitness, and fire fighting.

- Personal Community Health 1 SH L
- Personal Conditioning 1 SH L

(10/06)(10/06)

1st: ACE faculty review date
 2nd: Administrative adjustments to course data

B-300-0010 NV-0703-0008 V03 22-APR-2013 to 01-AUG-2013
Hospital Corpsman Basic (USN):
 Medical Education Training Campus
 Fort Sam Houston, TX
 Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to conduct a patient interview; document patient interactions; describe patient safety principles; identify basic human anatomy of select systems; and describe basic medical decision-making processes.

ACE Credit Recommendation Value



• Anatomy
 • Patient Care
 (9/12)(9/12)

1 SH
 1 SH

L
 L

Level of Credit



SUMMARY

Not An Official Transcript

Name: LINCOLN, ABRAHAM		SSN: XXX-XX-XXXX		Date of Birth: February 12, 1809	
ACE Exhibit Number	Military Course Number	Title / Subject	Date	Credit	Level
NV-2202-0165	A-950-0001	Recruit Training	13-APR-2013		
		Personal Community Health		1	L
		Personal Conditioning		1	L
NV-0703-0008	B-300-0010	Hospital Corpsman Basic (USN)	01-AUG-2013		
		Anatomy		1	L
		Patient Care		1	L
AR-0704-0016	B-300-0141	Orthopedic Specialty	15-NOV-2013		
		Advanced Casting		3	L
		Orthopedic Devices, Materials, And Methods		6	L
NV-0702-0016	B-300-0141	Orthopedic Cast Room Technician	15-NOV-2013		
		Orthopedic Technician Practicum		3	L
NER-HN-004	HN	Hospitalman	13-FEB-2013		
		Anatomy And Physiology		3	L
		Communications		3	L
		Health And Wellness		3	L
		Medical Terminology		3	L
		Pharmacology		3	L
		Nursing Fundamentals (Clinical)		3	U
		Nursing Fundamentals (Didactic)		2	U
NER-SN-003	SN	Seaman	13-FEB-2013		
		Able Seaman		3	L
NER-HM-005	HM3	Hospital Corpsman	16-JUN-2016		
		Communications		3	L
		Emergency Medical Technician Basic		3	L
		Emergency Medical Technician Clinical Experience		2	L
		Emergency Medical Technician Field Experience		2	L
		Health Assessment		3	L

Level: V=Vocational Certificate L=Lower Division Baccalaureate/Associate Degree U=Upper Division Baccalaureate G=Graduate
 This transcript represents credits RECOMMENDED by the American Council On Education (ACE) and is provided for your information and academic advisement, but is not an official component of the JST transcript.



EDUCATION

Name: LINCOLN, ABRAHAM

SSN: XXX-XX-XXXX

**** ALL OTHER ACADEMIC COURSES (TA/NON TA) ****

Course	Title	Start Date	End Date	Credits/ Level	Grade	Institution
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*This addendum is provided for your information and academic advisement only and may be incomplete. THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ORDERED FROM THE PARENT INSTITUTIONS.

Level: V=Vocational L=Lower Division Baccalaureate/Associate U=Upper Division Baccalaureate G=Graduate E=Continuing Education D=Developmental
Credits: S=Semester Hours Q=Quarter Hours C=Clock N=Continuing Education Units



**Option #1: Ordering JST – Service Members
(Veterans, Active Duty, Reservists)
(Student)**

**Option #2: Bulk Ordering (College will Order JST
for Veteran)**



OUR STORY

YOUR CPL ROLE

RESOURCE LIBRARY

SEARCH FOR CREDIT

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SIGN INTO MAP

CALIFORNIA MAP INITIATIVE

Awarding College Credit to:

Veterans and Service Members for Military Training and Students and Professionals for Industry Certifications, Standardized Assessments, Work Experience, Credit by Exam, Portfolio Review and more.

CA MAP Initiative Whitepaper

Funding is Provided by: Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes, District 60, and The California Latino Legislative Caucus; and 2023 Federal Omnibus Community Project Sponsored by U.S. Representative Ken Calvert, 41st District, Chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Latest News

April 14, 2023

Higher Education Process in TAP Presented at CMTE Conference

Read the original story here. The Department of Defense Military-Civilian Transition Office (MCTO)...

January 22, 2023



MAPPING ARTICULATED PATHWAYS



Upload JST to MAP Search



The most thorough method is to upload a copy of your Joint Services Transcript (JST)

UPLOAD:



If you do not have your Joint Services Transcript (JST), you may download your JST from the DOD Website by Clicking [here](#).

Another quick (but less thorough) method is to enter the MOS(s) or Rating(s) listed in your DD214. You may also enter ACE ID(s), which refer to specific military courses listed in your JST.

Search by one or more Military Occupation or ACE Codes

MOS / ACE

Search

* Searching by MOS and ACE is not as accurate as JST upload.

All JST information is encrypted upon upload for your protection.

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Upload your Joint Services Transcript to view your Credit Recommendations and MAP College Credits.

Uploaded information is encrypted for your protection.

Choose File

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NV-2202-0165, NV-1704-0678, NV-1704-0429, NV-1704-0430, NV-1704-0514, NER-AN-004, NER-AD-007

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Minimum* Eligible Credits: 37

Subject	Credit
3 hours in Aircraft Ground Operations And Aircraft Servicing	3
4 hours in Aircraft Turbine Engine And Systems	4
4 hours in Aircraft Turbine Engine Maintenance	4
3 hours in Aircraft Turbine Engine Theory	3
3 hours in Aviation Safety	3
3 hours in Electrical Components	3
3 hours in Electromechanical Systems Troubleshooting And Repair	3
3 hours in Helicopter Powertrain And Inspection	3
3 hours in Industrial Safety	3
3 hours in Mechanical Components	3
1 hour in Personal Community Health	1
1 hour in Personal Conditioning	1
3 hours in Turbine Engine Laboratory	3

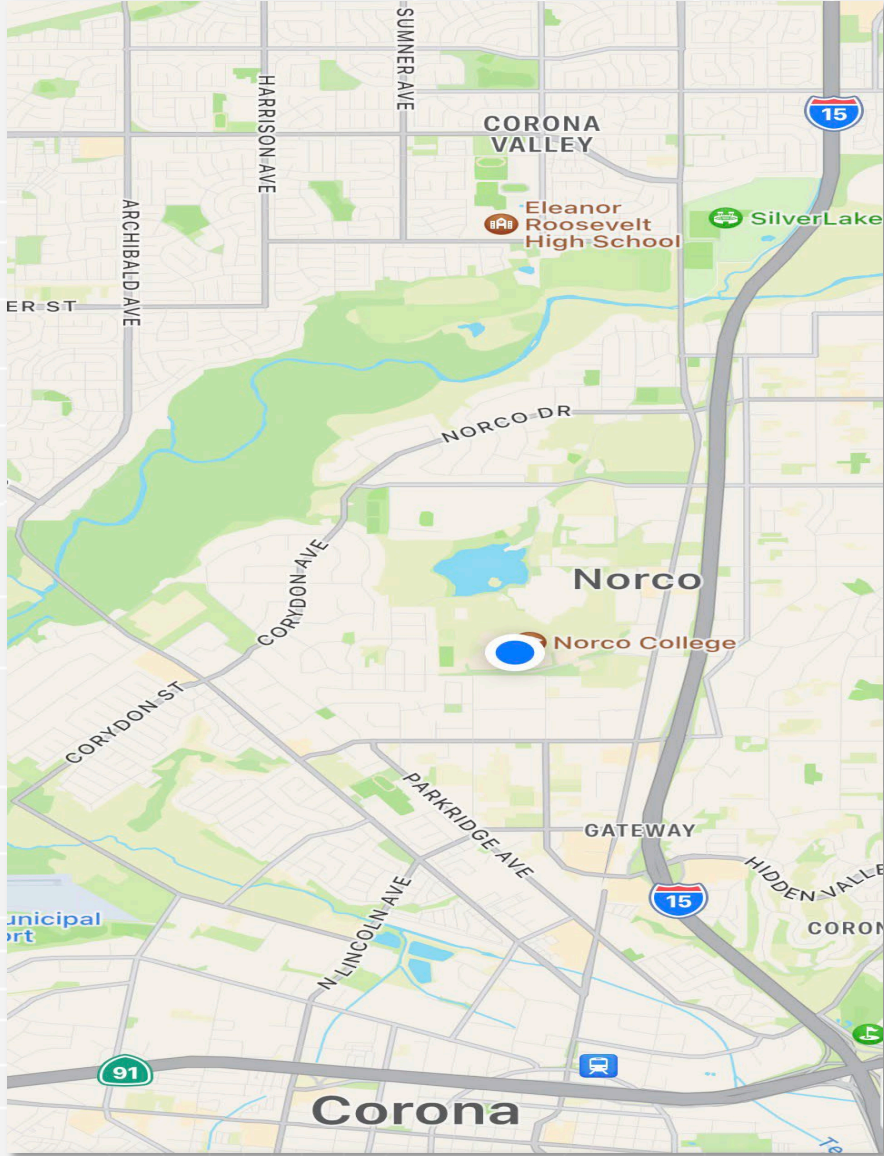
Select College to see Eligibility ▼

[Request a College Credit Review](#)

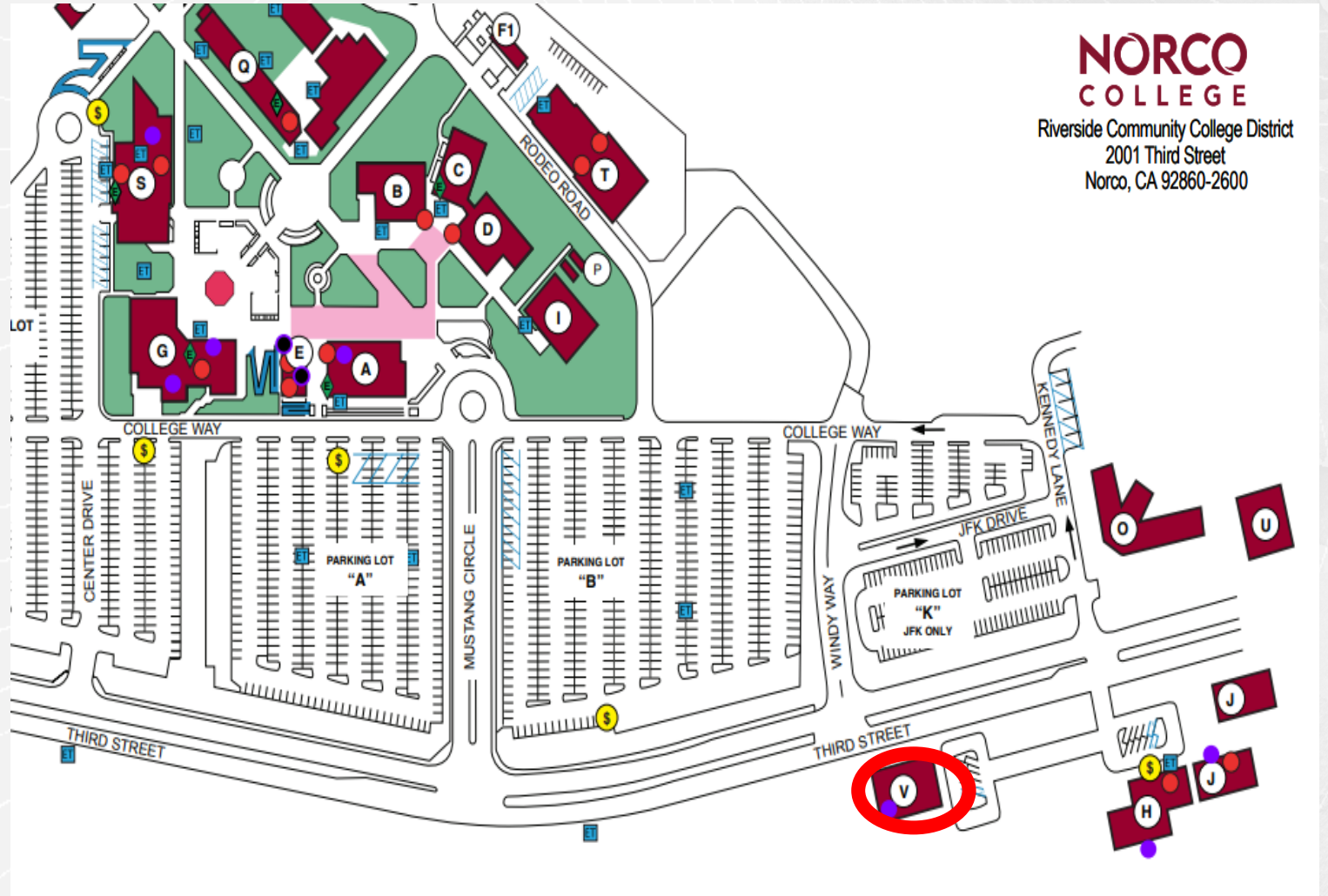
To request a review from the selected college, click on the Request a College Credit Review. This will submit your MAP Credit Report to the selected college veterans counselor. A representative from the college will contact you via email for next steps in the review process

Norco College Veterans Resource Center

2001 Third Street, Norco, Ca 92860
www.NorcoCollege.edu



Associate Degree for Transfer: 24 Certificates & Degrees: 78



**NORCO
COLLEGE**

Riverside Community College District
2001 Third Street
Norco, CA 92860-2600

Mon-Thurs: 8AM-6PM

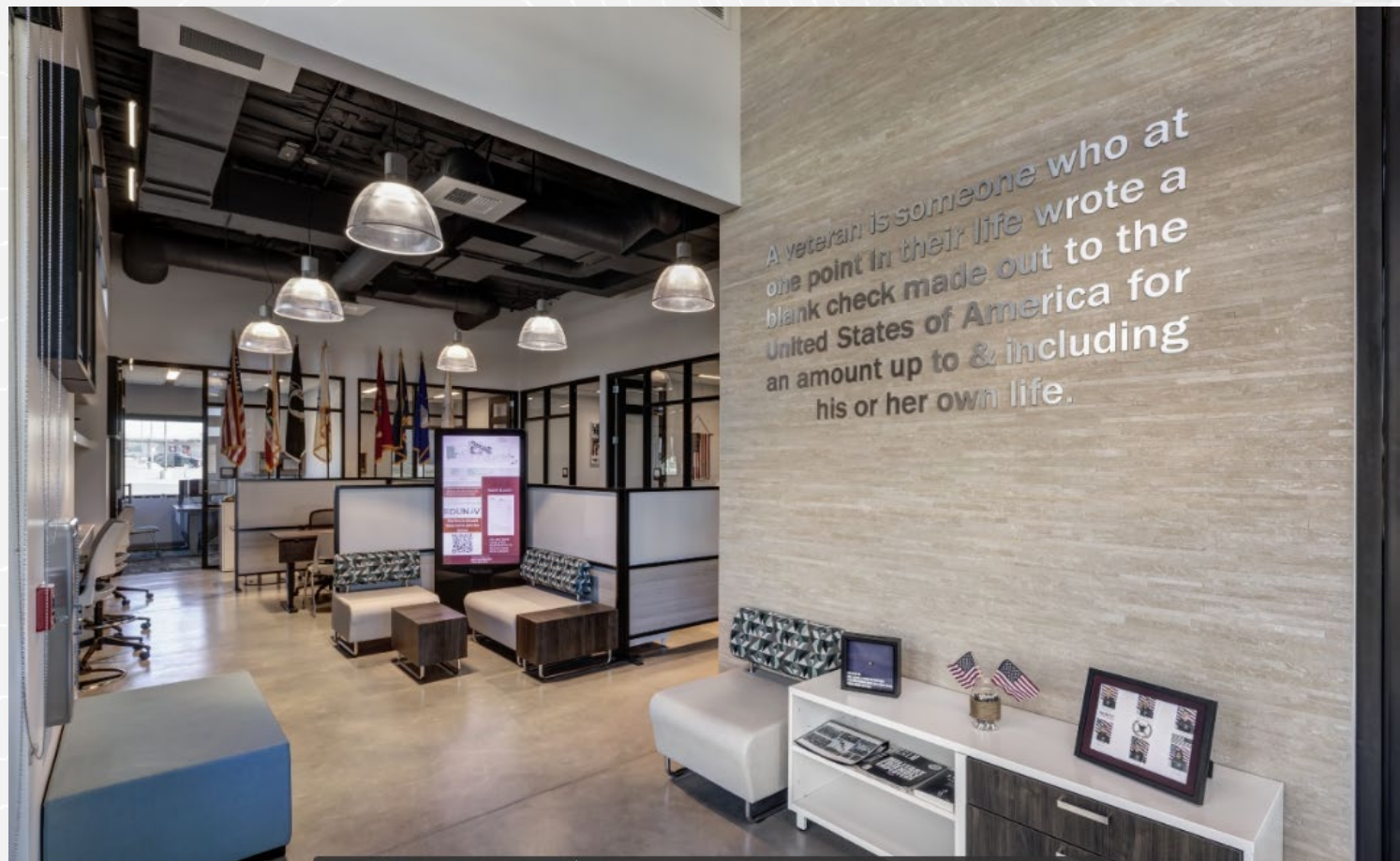
Fri: 8AM-4PM

Phone: (951)372-7142

Email: veterans.services@norcollege.edu



VRC Exterior



VRC Interior

Veterans Resource/Success Center Resources

Norco College Veterans Resource Center is a place where we offer service members (veterans, active duty, reservists), dependents, and affiliated to access support services and ease their transition from military to civilian life within the academic environment. Our goal and mission are to be a one stop shop resource center where we can assist our students with all educational needs and beyond. We strive to provide excellent service to our students to meet their individual and educational goals. We are dedicated to making veteran students academic journey successful while building a relationship with them to last beyond Norco College.

Educational Benefits

- Chapter 30: Active-Duty Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 31: Veteran Readiness and Employment
- Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 33-TR: Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer to Dependents
- Chapter 1606: Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program, Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 1607: Reserve Educational Assistance Program

One Stop Shop (Services)

- Educational Counseling
- Educational Advising
- Admissions & Records
- Financial Aide
- School Certifying Official
- Tutorial Services
- Basic Needs
- Disability Resource Center
- Corona Vet Center
- Mental Health
- CALVET/CALTAP
- CSU/UC Visits
- Partnership Collaborations
- Career Center

VRC Amenities

- Brand New Veterans Resource Building
- Up to \$3,200.00 in BAH (Ch.33)
- Book Stipend
- Designated Study Areas
- Designated Lounge
- Family Days
- Games
- Access to Computers and Printing
- Courtesy School Materials and Supplies
- Student Veterans of America, Norco Chapter Veterans Club
- VA/Federal Work Study Opportunities
- Snacks
- Outdoor Patio Area

CA PLA/CPL Resources

1. [MAP Website](#)

--White Paper, MAP Log In, CPL Search Tool, CA MAP Initiative Team, Initiative Background, Mission, Cohort List, Partners, etc.

2. [American Council on Education \(ACE\) Faculty Reviewer Training](#)

3. [CA MAP Initiative Introductory Video](#)

4. [MAP Standard Operating Procedure Video](#)

5. [MAP Faculty Approval Process Video](#)

6. [MAP CPL Search Tool Video](#)

7. [CPL Summit Videos and Library](#)

8. [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

9. [Home page \(doded.mil\)](#)



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4TH ANNUAL CPL SUMMIT
The CPL Solution for CA

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the Date

November 3 | 9AM-1PM | VIA ZOOM

Emerging Best Practices to Maximize Credit for Prior Learning for Veterans and Adult Learners

Sessions for college CEO/CIO/CSSO, Faculty, Articulation Officers, Evaluators, School Certifying Officials.



Questions