Veterans Resource Center
New Student Checklist

☐ Step One: Apply for Benefits

- The US Department of Veterans Affairs has an extensive Education and Training website that can help direct you to services and information about your benefits.
  - To access this website go to: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/
- To access your educational benefits you must apply online. Go to: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp. Then click Apply Online located on the first bullet line of text.

☐ Step Two: Complete the College Admission Process

- The admission process includes an application, assessment (placement testing for math and English), and new student advising.
- After you complete the Admission process, you may register for classes.
- Go to the Enrollment Services www.edcc.edu/es/quickstart.html for step by step instructions.

☐ Step Three: Attend a Veteran Orientation Session

You may attend an orientation session at any time during your entry process, but it is best if you at least complete step one first. A family member or friend is welcome to attend the orientation with you. If possible, bring the following paperwork with you when you come to your orientation:

- Certificate of Eligibility (CoE), or VONAPP’s confirmation page.
- Program Requirement Sheet
- Assessment or Placement Test Scores
- DD214 Member 4 copy
- NOBE if applicable

For Chapter 35 – Dependents/Spouse, in addition to the paperwork listed above also bring the following documents:

- 100% letter
- Marriage Certificate
- Birth Certificate of Dependent
- Service member’s death certificate, if applicable

☐ Step Four: Meet with the VA Certifying Official

After you attend orientation, you may sit down with the VA Certifying Official to go over your paperwork and discuss the process of receiving your benefits. You may also make an appointment to come back at a later time if you wish.

Please note that you are free to make an appointment to meet with the VA Certifying Official at any time during the process of applying for your educational benefits, or any time you have questions or concerns. To make an appointment, call 425.640.1175.