

RESOURCES

Disability Resource Center

The Disability Resource Center (DRC), located in Building 5400, provides disability access information, academic support, computer training, learning disability (LD) testing and services, counseling, on-campus shuttle and other services.

For on-campus service and disability accommodation information, call 650.949.7017. For accommodations for Deaf and hearing-impaired students, email drc@fhda.edu or call 650.949.7017. The DRC offers students with disabilities comprehensive accommodations, academic adjustments, and support services, as well as courses in the community for adults with disabilities. Consult the quarterly class schedule online for sites and courses under Adaptive Learning. For more information about community-based programs and special classes, call 650.949.7017.

To request this or any Foothill College publication in alternative media such as electronic text, Braille or large print, email drc@fhda.edu.

Foothill College offers an alternative path for the student with a verified disability who requests academic modifications and does not want to participate in DRC programs. For information, visit the Foothill College ADA/504 coordinator and dean of Student Affairs & Activities in Room 2002 or call 650.949.7389.

EOPS, CARE & NextUP Programs

Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS) offers support services which include, textbook assistance, dedicated counseling, tutoring, campus tours of four-year universities, a laptop loan program and computer lab, transfer assistance to facilitate the successful completion of academic, career and/or personal goals, and more. EOPS faculty and staff assist participating students as they work to achieve their goals. College Promise and AB540 recipients can apply for EOPS.

Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) provides additional support to EOPS participants who are Temporary Aid to Needy Family (TANF) recipients with young children to help meet their unique educational needs.

NextUp, formally Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES), offers participants who are current or former foster youth extended high-touch services and resources that support their educational achievement.

For program eligibility requirements or more information about EOPS, CARE & NextUP programs, call 650.949.7207 or visit foothill.edu/eops.

Health Services

Health Services provides confidential health care services to enrolled students. Services are available online or in person. For more information, including a full description of services, or to schedule an appointment, drop by Room 2126, call 650.949.7243, email healthservices@foothill.edu or visit foothill.edu/healthservices.

Housing

Foothill College does not currently supervise, recommend, or assume responsibility for any housing facility. However, pursuant to the Measure G general obligation bond passed on March 3, 2020, the Foothill-De Anza District is actively pursuing options to offer below-market-rate housing

to a limited number of students starting in the 2025-2026 academic year. Faculty and staff housing is also a Foothill-De Anza priority and the FHDA District is assessing options to either buy or build housing locally. Students facing housing insecurity can access resources listed on the [college website](#).

Office of Retention Services

The Foothill College Office of Retention Services (formerly Owl Scholars Program) takes the lead on coordinating student retention efforts across campus. This office works towards creating a collective learning experience where students are supported by the campus community to help them address the challenges of academic life. Many of our students are not only attending Foothill, but working many hours a week, providing care for a family member, as well as many other obligations that take their focus from their academics. In collaboration with faculty, the Office of Retention Services strives to support students to the best of our ability by helping them get connected to the campus resources they need, and by providing academic coaching and support.

Student Equity and Achievement Program

The Student Equity and Achievement Program (SEA) is a state-mandated agreement between you and Foothill College to help you achieve your educational goals.

Our responsibility is to provide:

- an admission process;
- orientation to college programs, services and procedures;
- pre-enrollment, multiple measures to assess math and English placement;
- counseling for educational planning and course selection;
- continuous follow up of your progress; and
- referrals to support services.

Your responsibility is to:

- choose an educational major at entrance;
- declare a specific educational objective within a reasonable period of enrollment;
- be diligent about class attendance and completing assigned coursework; and
- strive to complete courses and progress toward an educational goal according to Foothill and California standards.

Veterans Resource Center & Services

The Foothill College Veterans Resource Center (VRC) provides assistance to Veterans, Active-Duty, Reservists, National Guard, and eligible dependents of Veterans and Active-Duty members in their pursuit of education, obtaining Veterans Education Benefits (including Work-Study), Department of Defense (DoD) Tuition Assistance, and California Veterans Fee Waiver Program.

The services provided includes assistance with applying for VA benefits, Veterans Academic Counseling for educational and career planning, service-connected accommodations, VA Benefits consultation, and act as the liaison between the Government Agency and the student.

Veterans Education Benefits:

- Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill ® – Active-Duty
- Chapter 31 – VRE Vocational Readiness Employment
- Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill ® – Forever GI Bill ®
- Chapter 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill ® – Reservists

Dependent Education Benefits:

- Chapter 35 – Dependent Educational Assistance
- Fry Scholarship
- California Veterans Fee Waiver Program

Active-Duty & Reservists:

- Department of Defense Tuition Assistance

Foothill College offers majors and programs that are approved and authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs for "covered individuals"¹ using their VA Educational benefits towards a degree, certificate, and/or CSU/UC transfer program. In planning their educational goals, "covered individuals"¹ are required to secure a comprehensive educational plan with an academic counselor while using VA Educational benefits.

(GI Bill ®: CH 30, 32, 33, 35, 1606, VR&E CH 31, California Veterans Fee Waiver, or Tuition Assistance). Assistance for dependents who qualify for educational benefits is also available.

To receive benefits while attending Foothill College, all "covered individuals"¹ must be a regularly matriculated student and all classes taken to advance towards the selected education objective.

To initiate benefit payments, certification of VA Educational benefits begins 30 days prior to the first day of each quarter. It is strongly recommended that "covered individuals"¹ should submit a certification request after registration during the priority enrollment period.

Priority Registration for Veterans and Armed Forces, and eligible individuals who meet Title 5 Section 58108 Registration and Enrollment Procedures will be provided. Students must provide supporting documentation to the Veterans Resource Center for eligibility.

Accepted Documentation:

Veterans

- DD-214 Member 4 or copy 2 or 7
- VA Card
- CA Driver's License with Veteran Designation

Armed Forces

- Copy of Military Orders
- Active-Duty Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)

Veterans and Veteran Dependents Residency - H.R.7105 (Section 1005)

Effective August 1, 2021, all "covered individuals"¹ will be charged as a California Resident. Contact the Veterans Resource Center for "covered individuals"¹ eligibility.

Foothill College complies with Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018.

(Public Law 115-407) Title – Education, Section 103

Foothill College allows GI Bill ® (Chapter 33) and VR&E (Chapter 31) beneficiaries to attend a course of education for up to 90 days from the date the beneficiary provides a certificate of eligibility, or valid VAF 28-1905. Foothill College will not impose a penalty, and that the institution will not charge the VA beneficiary up front.

In accordance with California Military Families Financial Relief Act of 2005 Section 824 (b)(1), Foothill College shall plan to reasonably accommodate and assist the "covered individuals"¹ so that he or she is able to meet all coursework requirements that he or she may have missed due to military service.

Under federal regulations, "covered individuals"¹ receiving VA benefits must maintain satisfactory progress in attendance and grade point average. Students will be notified of unsatisfactory progress if GPA falls below 2.0 for one quarter. VA benefits will be suspended if GPA remains below 2.0 for a second consecutive quarter, or if records show more than two quarters in which a student is on probation with a cumulative GPA below 2.0.

Academic Probation: A student who has **attempted at least 18 quarter units** as shown by the official academic record shall be placed on academic probation if the student has earned a **grade point average below 2.0** in all units which were graded on the basis of the grading system.

Progress Probation: A student who has enrolled in a total of at least 18 quarter units as shown by the official academic record shall be placed on progress probation when the percentage of all units in which a student has enrolled and for which entries of "F," "W," "I," "NP" and "NC" are recorded reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50 percent).

Foothill college accepts credits from institutions accredited by one of the six regional accredited associations or follows the recommendations of the American Council on Education. Joint Services Transcripts (originally SMART transcripts) will be accepted and evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Foothill VRC offers many resources to support veterans in staying on track and successfully completing their academic goals. Come visit and meet our welcoming staff, get a place to study, use the computer and printers for class work and hang out with other military-affiliated students.

Foothill College is in compliance with Title 38 U.S. Code, section 3679(e), which states in part, that the institution may request the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from a beneficiary and that the institution will not charge the VA beneficiary up front.

¹ **NOTE:** A Covered Individual is any student who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits, and who submits a VA Certificate of Eligibility to the enrolling institution.

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For more information, call the VRC at 650.949.7912, email contactvrc@fhda.edu or visit foothill.edu/veterans.

Refunds & Grading Options for Students Called to Active Military Service

If you are called to military duty before completing your term of study, you may choose from the following options.

- **Refund:** Petition for an official withdrawal with a full refund of enrollment fees, student fees and non-resident tuition, if applicable. You'll receive a full refund for all books and materials purchased from the college bookstore.
- **Credit:** Petition for an official withdrawal with credit for enrollment fees, student fees and non-resident tuition, if applicable, toward future enrollment. You may later opt to receive a refund.
- **Grade of Incomplete:** Request a grade of Incomplete from the instructor. Regulations require you to complete the course within one year, but you can request an extension in special circumstances.

Forms for these services are available at foothill.edu/veterans and on campus in Room 5403 or the Admissions & Records Office in Room 8101.

More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the official U.S. government website www.benefits.va.gov/gibill, and the policy Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-407) Title 1 – Education, Section 103.