Colorado Mesa University (formerly Mesa State College), in Grand Junction, Colorado is dedicated to providing an exceptional educational experience in a student-centered environment featuring small class sizes and a high level of student/faculty interaction.

Founded in 1925, the University offers professional and technical programs at the undergraduate and graduate level. Remaining one of the most affordable universities in Colorado, enrollment exceeds 8,100 students and offers a hands-on learning environment, with professors dedicated to teaching.

This dedication to providing the highest quality education in a student-centered environment has always remained and it will continue to guide the University into the future.

Colorado Mesa University has been serving U.S. Veterans and their eligible dependents for many years. The Registrar’s Office helps veterans and eligible dependents access their veteran’s educational benefits. Our office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday. Please visit our website at coloradomesa.edu/registrar/va for more information.

Grand Junction Community Veteran Resources

Grand Junction VA Medical Center
2121 North Avenue 970.242.0731
Women Veteran’s Heathcare 970.263.5080
OEF/OIF Tom Zieman 970.263.5080
DAV Hospital Services Coordinator 970.263.2848

The Vet Center
2472 F Road, Unit 16 970.245.4156

Mesa County Workforce Center
2897 North Avenue 970.248.0871

Veterans Upward Bound
(located in the Workforce Center) 970.256.2465
2897 North Avenue

Other resources:
DVA Call Center 888.442.4551

Web Sites:
Veterans Benefits (non-educational) http://www.vba.va.gov/
Veterans Educational Benefits http://www.gibill.va.gov/
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HELPFUL CONTACTS:

Main Campus
Admissions Office 970.248.1875
Advising & Career Center 970.248.1171
Bookstore 970.248.1422
Financial Aid 970.248.1396
Dean of Students 970.248.1366
Educational Access Services 970.248.1856
Housing Office 970.248.1536
MAVcard Office 970.248.1059
Tomlinson Library 970.248.1862
Testing Center 970.248.1260
Student Financial Advisor 970.248.1873
Student Health Center 970.256.6345
Tutorial Learning Center 970.248.1392
VA Certifying Official 970.248.1855
Montrose Campus 970.249.7009
WCC/Bishop Campus 970.255.2600

WEB SITE coloradomesa.edu/registrar/va
1100 North Avenue • Grand Junction, CO 81501-3122

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4. What next? The VA will notify you when they receive your application. Once they have processed your application they will send you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) which contains the number of months you have eligible, the percent of your eligibility, and the date your eligibility expires. Bring a copy of this COE to the Certifying Official in the Registrar’s Office. CMU’s Certifying Official will electronically submit the beginning and ending dates for the classes you are registered for each semester. Once the VA matches the certification to your records they will issue payment. Payments are paid a month in arrears.

CMU Veteran Student Organization
The Colorado Mesa Veterans Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in Houston Hall RM 132. The Colorado Mesa Veterans Club mission is to encourage academic achievement through networking, providing resources, education of benefits, and involvement in campus and community activities. Please contact Robert Cackler at 970.248.1813 for more information.

Eligible Dependents: This is for spouses and/or children of veterans who have died in the line of duty or have service connected disabilities. Go to gibill.va.gov and complete application form #2254-90. Next go to the Registrar’s page, coloradomesa.edu/registrar, select the Office Forms link, complete the Veterans Intent to Register Form and submit it to the Certifying Official in the Registrar’s Office.

Transfer of Eligibility: Post 9/11 veterans who meet certain criteria can transfer a portion of his/her education benefits to spouses and/or children. The veteran needs to complete a transfer application on his/her Department of Defense web page. Once approval has been awarded the dependent needs to complete the VA form #22-1990E found on the gibill.va.gov website. Dependent will also need to complete the Veterans Intent to Register Form on the registrar’s page at coloradomesa.edu/registrar and submit it to the Certifying Official in the Registrar’s Office.

3. Military Transcripts – Have your military transcripts sent to the Registrar’s Office.
   - Army – AARTS
     https://aartstranscript.army.mil/
   - Navy/Marines – SMARTS
     https://smart.navy.mil/smart/welcome.do
   - Air Force – Community College of the Air Force
     au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp
   - Coast Guard – US Coast Guard Institute web site
     http://uscg.mil/hq/cgi/active_duty/go_to_college/official_transcript.asp

Applying for Veterans Education Benefit

1. Apply and be accepted as a student at Colorado Mesa University (CMU).
   Go to coloradomesa.edu to complete and submit your application.

2. Find the appropriate category below for further steps.

New Applicants: If you have never received VA Educational Benefits, go to gibill.va.gov and complete the application online (form #22-1990). Be sure to keep a copy of what you submit to the VA for yourself. The VA may take 4-10 weeks to process your application. If you contributed an additional $600 to your education benefits, you will need to make that notation in the Remarks section of the application. However, if you are now opting for the Post 9/11 bill, the $600 is non-transferable and non-refundable. Next go to the Registrar’s page on the CMU website, coloradomesa.edu/registrar, select the Office Forms link, complete the Veterans Intent to Register Form and submit it to the Certifying Official in the Registrar’s Office.

Prior Recipients: Complete the Change of Program or Place of Training (form #22-1995 or form #22-5499 if you are a Chapter 35 dependent) available on the VA website gibill.va.gov, the Veterans Intent to Register Form on the Registrar’s page at coloradomesa.edu/registrar under the Office Forms link and submit both to the Certifying Official in the Registrar’s Office.

Service Connected Injury: Call the VA Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at 970.241.5422 or go to the VA Voc-Rehab Office located at 744 Horizon Ct., Suite 130, Grand Junction, CO 81501 for additional benefits that may be available to you.