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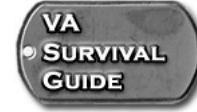
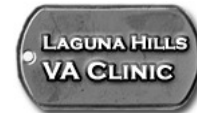
Monday - Thursday  
9am to 4:30pm  
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9am to 12 noon  
Closed Weekends/Holidays


**Todays Date:** 6/7/2010

**The Roadmap to Succeed at Saddleback College:**

**The VETS Program is your compass from application to graduation. We will support you on your journey yet we do not process your VA Education Benefits. For this service please click on the VA Education Benefits link from the menu on the left.**

1. [Apply online to the Saddleback College](#)  
Be sure to indicate Veterans status on the application. Order all official transcripts. If you open these after arrival, we cannot accept them.  
If you have questions or difficulties contact the [Veterans Outreach Aide](#).
2. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and apply for financial aid. Millions of dollars go unclaimed every year!
3. Complete the [Saddleback College Online Orientation](#)
4. Set up your [math and English assessment](#) if necessary
5. Attend your math and English assessment
6. Complete your [Advisement](#) if necessary
7. Meet with a Veterans Counselor
8. Meet with Certifying Official in the [Veterans Office](#)
9. Register for [classes online via MySite](#)
10. Tips for continued success
11. Become part of the Saddleback College community





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Dear Veterans, Active Military Personnel, and your families,

Let me begin by thanking you from the Saddleback College family for your sacrifice and commitment to our country. We want to welcome you to one of the premiere community colleges in the state of California. Saddleback College has a rich tradition of excellence in and out of the classroom. Whether your goal is to improve a certain skill, attain a career technical certificate, an associate's degree, or transfer on to a university to complete your bachelor's degree, we have the program for you! The Veterans Education and Transaction Services (VETS) program was developed with your needs in mind. As the VETS program develops into a physical location, I hope to personally meet each and every one of you.

Below is the "Roadmap to Success" here at Saddleback College. As you go through the steps, if you have any questions or any confusion arises, please contact our Veterans Outreach department, our VETS Counselors, or your campus VCOs. We aim to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible.

The VETS program will link you with any service that you need on or off campus. We have exceptional VCOs in the Veterans and Fiscal Services Office that are well versed in the benefits you may qualify to receive. If you are looking for a community of veterans, our Veterans Club is active and offers you a chance to enhance your leadership opportunities while dialoging and connecting with other military veterans. The "Transitions" course is an Applied Psychology 140 academic class with an emphasis on transitioning combat warriors into the college and civilian community. Our LAP offers tutoring in almost any subject and is covered through your tuition. Take advantage of the skilled tutors that can bring that B up to an A. We have an extremely successful Athletics program that produces national caliber competition in 19 sports. Our Health Center hosts health care professionals that will aid you with what ails you. They also have mental health professionals on site that will assist you with acute mental health needs. The Transfer Center is known statewide for its exceptional work with students seeking to further their education past Saddleback College experience. Our Special Services Department is quite comprehensive and will provide accommodations and guidance for any challenges you face from mobility challenges to learning disabilities to acquired brain injuries. The list of services is endless and if we cannot find what you need to help you reach your goals, we will try to find someone who can.

Best of luck on this new mission and do not hesitate to contact us. Also, please feel free to email us any advice on better serving you on your journey as a Gaucho:

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