ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College

Chaffey College, one of the first colleges to be established in California, is a two-year public community college situated in an area of natural and tranquil beauty in Southern California. The campus occupies 200 acres of rolling lawns and native foliage in the foothills of the majestic San Gabriel Mountains. Founded in 1883 as a private college, Chaffey has been a publicly funded college since 1916.

Curricula

Chaffey College offers two year associate in art or science degrees in academic or vocational fields, one-year certificates of achievement, and transfer programs that meet the lower-division requirements for a baccalaureate degree to be obtained at a four-year college or university. The college operates on the semester system, which consists of fall, spring, and summer terms.

Courses are offered at the main campus in Rancho Cucamonga and at campuses in Chino and Fontana, as well as online through the Distance Education program.

District

The college district serves a population of 750,000 in the west end of the vibrant Inland Empire of San Bernardino County, including the communities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland.

Statement of Equal Opportunity

Non-Discrimination and Prohibition of Harassment Policy

The District and each individual who represents the District shall provide equal access to employment and educational opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, sex, age (over 40), physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, marital status, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), sexual orientation, or military status as a Vietnam-era veteran, or the perception that a person has one or more of the foregoing characteristics.

Justin Montgomery, Army

"Before I came to the Vet Center I was lost and unmotivated about going to school. But when I came here to the Vet Center, they helped me transition to college life. Not only did I get motivated to go to school, I found that there was a bond, a comradery. I’m in my first semester and I want to major in everything, but for now I’ll probably work on a history major. I never want to stop going to school."

Gina Richard, Army

"The Veterans Resource Center is a valuable asset for Chaffey College to have. Since the opening of the center in 2010 I have seen and been a part of the growth and development of the center. I am proud to have served in the United States Army, and honored to have been given the opportunity to work in the VRC helping fellow veterans with their education/benefit questions."

Mario Lanzilotta, Marines

I just got out of the military as a mortarman and I’m currently a probation officer. To be honest, this is the most vet friendly community college I’ve ever been to. The fact that we have our own counselor is amazing. Before Chaffey College I had units coming in from all over, but when I came here I was able to start school within a month instead of 6 months like I would have had to at other schools."

Pattie Teagle, Air Force

"Since I started at Chaffey, I have been honored to be a part of the VRC and experience the extraordinary feeling of teamwork and commemoration that I miss after serving. With the abundance of information available and other truly remarkable veterans there to help every step of the way, they made me feel right at home. It is like being with all those, whom I dearly miss, in my military “family” again. I’d like to thank the VRC for being a part of my life and education."

Mike Gallagher, Navy

“I received an honorable discharge after getting hurt on the job. I came straight to Chaffey College. After living the military lifestyle, I wasn’t used to being around “normal” people. I was going to drop out of school but the people at the Vet Center changed my mind. Having them, helped me get my feet back on the ground. As of now, I am taking classes to get my G.E.D. Chaffey has helped me find the classes I need to transfer to a 4 year college. I plan on getting my degree in Business Management and my next goal is to return to the military.”
WELCOME VETERANS!

Chaffey College is grateful for the contributions made by members of the United States armed services, both at home and abroad. We are honored to offer a student-centered community college education to our veterans and their families. Whether you are upgrading work skills, seeking to transfer to a college or university or planning to earn an associate degree or occupational certificate, you will find caring and highly qualified faculty and staff to assist you.

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE VRC OFFER?

- If you are a veteran or are currently serving in the military and you’d like to meet other veteran students, then you have come to the right place. At the Veterans Resource Center (VRC), we seek to provide a sense of community among those who have served in any branch of the United States military.
- Because we recognize that veterans are in a unique situation on a college campus, we want to help make the transition from the military to college as easy as possible. We have information on programs and services such as Veterans Education Benefits, the local VA office, degree and certificate requirements, transfer options and more.
- Open to veterans, National Guard and Reserve members, and dependents
- Available computers, quiet study space and comfortable lounge area
- Vet-Friendly “Safe Zones”

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER STAFF

Roger Tschirgi, Veterans Counselor/Navy
“I retired from Chaffey College as a regular academic counselor, but came back to work in the Veterans Office. I handle all of their academic planning, Vet checks, and Certificate and graduate applications. The Veterans Resource Center helps our Veterans transition from military to civilian life, and assists them in the educational and career planning.

Dr. Leonard Crow
Interim Dean Student Services and Discipline
“It is a pleasure and honor to supervise the Veterans’ Resource Center (VRC). Working with the men and women of the armed forces and providing direction and guidance for their educational pursuits is a small but meaningful way I can give back to people who have given so much to our country. We work to continually improve the services and environment of the VRC to make the transition from military service to education as smooth as possible.”

Michael Dinielli, Mentor/Air Force
“Chaffey College’s Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is dedicated to assisting veterans and eligible family members in achieving their educational goals efficiently and without impediments. I am proud to serve as mentor of the VRC and help bridge its involvement in campus services and activities. The Veterans Resource Center will continue to alleviate student confusion and frustration, and it will continue to support veterans’ access, persistence, and success at Chaffey College.”

Laura Rodes, Veterans Certifying Official
“When the Veterans want to come to Chaffey College, I am the one they come to, to help them process their claim to the VA and receive their benefits. It is more than just a job. It’s an honor to work with our Veterans, to be the point of contact to transition them from combat to college life.”

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