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Dispelling Myths of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill

Myth	Facts
<i>I'm saving money by using my G.I. Bill at a community college.</i>	A month of benefits "costs" the same no matter if you are at a community college, private university, or an Ivy league school. Example: if school "A" costs \$9,000 per year, and school "B" costs \$19,000 per year, you will still be docked 9 months (1 school year) of G.I. Bill no matter which school you attend. There is no financial benefit to attending school "A", even though its tuition is lower.
<i>I can't afford a private school because the G.I. Bill is capped at the amount of public school tuition.</i>	While the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill is capped at \$19,198.31 per academic year (which usually covers public school tuition), the VA Yellow Ribbon program can help cover the additional cost of private school tuition. For example, at John Carroll, we are 100% Yellow Ribbon participant, so if you are 100% qualified under the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill, you pay no additional costs for tuition, even though our tuition is nearly \$40,000 per year.
<i>None of my military experience will count for college credit.</i>	Many military classes have been evaluated by the American Council on Education and are recommended to count towards academic credit. Each school determines what transfer credits they will accept. At John Carroll, all veterans receive a minimum of 6 credits simply for completing basic training. The average 1 term enlistee is able to transfer in between 8-10 credits, and our current record is 24 credits.
<i>I only have 36 months to use all of my benefits.</i>	While the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill includes 36 months of education benefits, they do not have to be used continuously. You can start and stop your benefits as needed. A typical school year is 9 months, so it provides 4 school years' worth of benefits, but you can set your own pace (as long as it's within 15 years of your date of separation).
<i>All "Military Friendly" schools provide the same services to student veterans.</i>	Schools who have received the "Military Friendly School" are not all the same. Some have gone above and beyond the minimal requirements and include additional services to ensure the success of their student veterans. You should investigate the services of each school when doing your research because they are not all the same.



Thank you for your service!