How to Use The
G/I Bill Comparison Tool

"Nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity."

- **H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

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Benefits:

Up to $25,162/year for tuition

Up to $3,081/month for room/board

Up to $1,000/year for books

Benefits DO NOT EXPIRE with non-use.

https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/

Requirements:

36 Months Active Duty Service = 100%

30 Months Active Duty Service = 90%

24 Months Active Duty Service = 80%

18 Months Active Duty Service = 70%

6-18 Months Active Duty Service = 60%

90 Days Active Duty Service = 50%

All Branches Active Duty

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Yellow Ribbon Schools
Provide up to
100% TUITION COVERAGE

MIT (MASSACHUSETTS)
HARVARD (MASSACHUSETTS)
YALE (CONNECTICUT)
DARTMOUTH (NEW HAMPSHIRE)
COLUMBIA (NEW YORK)
CORNELL (NEW YORK)
BROWN (RHODE ISLAND
PRINCETON (NEW JERSEY)

The Education Grant will apply to:

Colleges/Universities

Trade Schools

Technical/Vocational Schools

How many of your students have 100% of their expenses covered to these Universities?

University of Michigan

Wayne State University

Michigan State University

Grand Valley State University

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STEP 1: Visit the Website

https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/

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STEP 2: Scroll Down to the Comparison Tool

Scroll Down!

"Sign In" is not required

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STEP 3: Input Your Student's School of Choice

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STEP 4: Select the "Blue Field" to see Detailed Benefits

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STEP 5: Scroll Down - See How Much of the School is Covered

Calculate your benefits

The 4 sections below include questions that will refine your benefits estimate. Use the fields in each section to make your updates.

Your military details —

What's your military status?

Veteran ⬍

Which GI Bill benefit do you want to use? ([Learn more](#))

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33) ⬍

Cumulative Post-9/11 active-duty service ([Learn more](#))

36+ months: 100% ⬍

Did you use your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for tuition, housing, or books for a term that started before January 1, 2018? ([Learn more](#))

○ Yes

● No

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Your estimated benefits

GI Bill pays to school:	$15,948/yr
Tuition and fees charged:	$15,948
Out of pocket tuition:	$0
Housing allowance:	$1,962/mo
Book stipend ([Learn more](#)):	$1,000/yr
Total paid to you:	**$12,772**

Estimated benefits per term

Tuition and fees ([Learn more](#))

Term 1:	$7,974
Term 2:	$7,974
Total per year:	**$15,948**

Housing allowance ([Learn more](#))

Term 1:	$5,886
Term 2:	$5,886
Total per year:	**$11,772**

Tuition: $0 →

This Fund is Paid to the Student's Bank Account →

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Overall Expenditures at UofM (Ann Arbor): Net Gain $51,088

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STEP 6: For More Expensive Schools, Enable "Yellow Ribbon"

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Your military details	+
School costs and calendar	+
Learning format and location	+
Scholarships and other VA funding	–

Will you be a Yellow Ribbon recipient? (Learn more)

◉ Yes

◯ No

Degree Level

| Undergraduate | ⬍ |

Division or school

| All | ⬍ |

Yellow Ribbon amount from school per year

| $5,400 |

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School

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CAMBRIDGE, MA

135 GI Bill students (Learn more)

🎓 4 year program	👥 Medium size
🏛 Private school	🏙 City locale
⚖ Regional Accreditation (Learn more)	🌐 http://web.mit.edu/
🏦 Institutional Ownership: N/A	

Your estimated benefits

GI Bill pays to school:	$35,962/yr
Tuition and fees charged:	$53,450
Out of pocket tuition:	$17,488
Housing allowance:	$3,081/mo
Book stipend (Learn more):	$1,000/yr
Total paid to you:	$19,486

Without the US Navy:
$213,800 Total Tuition Cost
(Not Including Room and Board)

With the US Navy:
$69,952 Total Tuition Cost
(Including Room and Board)

What do High School Students Want after Graduation?

Enrollment

    ~60% of students intend on enrolling in college after graduation

        Approximately 2 out of 5 dropout (Mainly due to Financial Instability)

    ~15% of students elect to perform a trade skill after graduation

Scholarships and Grants

    0.1% of students are awarded a full-ride scholarship

    1.5% of students are awarded a full-tuition scholarship

    The average cost of an in-state 4-year university is $80,000-$100,000

    The average amount of aid-per-student is $10,000/year

Employment

    23% of students enter the work force directly after graduation.

    The US Median Salary for individuals age 20-24 earn $16,000-$30,000/year

https://educationdata.org/scholarship-statistics

https://research.com/research/scholarship-statistics

USMAP – Trade Skill Programs

70+ Trade Skill Certification Jobs
(US Navy)

https://usmap.osd.mil/

Unlike Most Apprenticeship Programs:

-Full-Time Benefits on Day One

-All Equipment/Materials Paid For

-College is Always an Option

Requirements:

-Active Duty Enlisted

-12 Months Remaining on Contract

-Work in your Trade Full Time

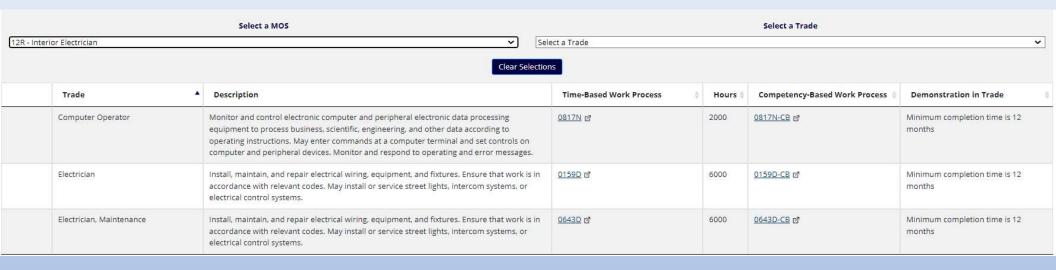-Report Hours Worked in Trade (Monthly)

-One Trade/Occupation at a Time

All Branches
Active Duty

USMAP – Trade Skill Programs

Trade	Description	Time-Based Work Process	Hours	Competency-Based Work Process	Demonstration in Trade
Computer Operator	Monitor and control electronic computer and peripheral electronic data processing equipment to process business, scientific, engineering, and other data according to operating instructions. May enter commands at a computer terminal and set controls on computer and peripheral devices. Monitor and respond to operating and error messages.	0817N	2000	0817N-CB	Minimum completion time is 12 months
Electrician	Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.	0159D	6000	0159D-CB	Minimum completion time is 12 months
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US Army – MOS: 12R – Interior Electrician – 3 Certifications Available

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US Marine Corps – MOS: 1141 – Electrician – 3 Certifications Available

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	Trade	Description	Time-Based Work Process	Hours	Competency-Based Work Process	Demonstration in Trade
	Central Office Repairer	Install, set-up, rearrange, or remove switching, distribution, routing, and dialing equipment used in central offices or head-ends. Service or repair telephone, cable television, internet, and other communications equipment on customers' property. May install communications equipment or communications wiring in buildings.	0077D	4000	0077D-CB	Minimum completion time is 12 months
	Computer Operator	Monitor and control electronic computer and peripheral electronic data processing equipment to process business, scientific, engineering, and other data according to operating instructions. May enter commands at a computer terminal and set controls on computer and peripheral devices. Monitor and respond to operating and error messages.	0817N	2000	0817N-CB	Minimum completion time is 12 months
	Electric-Motor Repairer	Repair, maintain, or install electric motors, wiring, or switches.	0149D	4000	0149D-CB	Minimum completion time is 12 months
	Electrician	Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.	0159D	6000	0159D-CB	Minimum completion time is 12 months
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	Hydroelectric-Machinery Mechanic (Utilities)	Repair, install, adjust, or maintain industrial production and processing machinery or refinery and pipeline distribution systems and hydroelectric generating station.	0237N	4000	0237N-CB	Minimum completion time is 12 months
	Power-Plant Operator	Control, operate, or maintain machinery to generate electric power. Includes auxiliary equipment operators.	0440D	6000	0440D-CB	Minimum completion time is 12 months

EM-Electrician's Mate / Select a Trade / Clear Selections

US Navy – Rating: Electrician's Mate – 7 Certifications Available

US Navy Specific
Active/Reserve Duty

Other Ways to Earn College Credits

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

 A series of 33 standardized subject exams that can be taken for recommended college credit introductory-level classes taken in the first two years of college. Recognized at over 2,900 participating colleges and universities. All first attempts on exams are funded by the US Military

https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/sailors/resources.htm

Joint Service Transcript (JST)

Earn college credit recommendations by The American Council on Education (ACE) for participating in Navy training for your career, advancing in rank, and earning certifications.

https://jst.doded.mil/jst/

Tuition Assistance (TA)

Pay up to 100% of tuition charged by education institutions after your second year of service in the Military using online courses or "brick and mortar" institutions local to your base.

https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/sailors/tuition-assistance-ncpace.htm

All Branches Active Duty

Other Ways to Earn College Credits

Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE)

If you are on deployment, how do you go to school?

NCPACE courses are offline, distance-learning courses designed to allow students to continue their education while deployed and without reliable, consistent Internet access.

Students complete their assignments independently using texts, study guides and other materials. There is no mentor interaction for NCPACE courses.

Pays up to 100% of tuition charged by education institutions while serving aboard a ship at sea.

https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/sailors/tuition-assistance-ncpace.htm

US Navy Specific
Active Duty