

# Veterans Education & Career Resources

## Criminal Investigations, Intelligence, Cybersecurity & Federal Careers

The **Union of Saints Veterans Program** is committed to helping veterans maximize their earned educational benefits while preparing for meaningful careers in criminal investigations, homeland security, intelligence, fraud prevention, cybersecurity, and public service.

Veterans may be eligible for educational funding through the **Post-9/11 GI Bill**, **Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)**, **Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)**, **VET TEC 2.0** (for approved technology training providers), state veterans education benefits, scholarships, employer tuition assistance, military credentialing programs, and other workforce development opportunities. Veterans are encouraged to contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to determine their individual eligibility and maximize available education benefits.

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## Recommended Criminal Investigation & Intelligence Training

### Criminal Investigations

Recommended areas of study include:

- Certified Professional Criminal Investigator (CPCI)
  - Criminal Investigation Fundamentals
  - Evidence Collection & Preservation
  - Investigative Interviewing
  - Criminal Case Management
  - Investigative Report Writing
  - Constitutional Criminal Procedure
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### Fraud Investigations

Recommended areas of study include:

- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Financial Crimes

- Identity Theft Investigations
  - Benefit Fraud Investigations
  - Public Corruption Investigations
  - White Collar Crime
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## **Intelligence & Homeland Security**

Recommended areas of study include:

- Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)
  - Intelligence Analysis
  - Counterintelligence
  - All-Source Intelligence
  - Threat Assessment
  - Link Analysis
  - Homeland Security Intelligence
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## **Cyber & Digital Investigations**

Recommended areas of study include:

- Cyber Investigations
  - Digital Forensics
  - Mobile Device Forensics
  - Computer Forensics
  - Incident Response
  - Network Investigations
  - Threat Intelligence
  - Security Operations Center (SOC)
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## **Legal & Federal Career Preparation**

Veterans interested in federal investigative careers may also benefit from coursework in:

- Criminal Law

- Criminal Procedure
  - Constitutional Law
  - Evidence
  - Administrative Law
  - Immigration Law
  - National Security Law
  - Cyber Law
  - White Collar Crime
  - Legal Research & Writing
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## Career Pathways

These educational opportunities may support careers with:

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
  - Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS)
  - Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)
  - Offices of Inspector General (OIG)
  - Federal law enforcement and investigative agencies
  - State and local criminal investigation units
  - Corporate investigations
  - Financial crime and fraud prevention
  - Intelligence analysis
  - Cybersecurity and digital forensics
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## Recommended Educational Resources

The following organizations provide educational opportunities in criminal investigations, fraud prevention, intelligence analysis, cybersecurity, digital forensics, and related fields. These resources are provided for educational purposes only and do not constitute an endorsement. Veterans should verify current accreditation, admission requirements, tuition, and VA funding eligibility before enrolling.

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## McAfee Institute

Website: <https://www.mcafeeinstitute.com>

### Recommended Programs

- **Certified Professional Criminal Investigator (CPCI)** – Criminal investigative methodology, evidence handling, investigative interviewing, report writing, criminal case management, and investigative procedures.
- **Certified Open Source Intelligence Professional (C|OSINT)** – Open-source intelligence gathering, digital investigations, online research, social media investigations, and threat intelligence.
- **Certified Counterintelligence Threat Analyst (CCTA)** – Counterintelligence principles, insider threats, threat identification, and national security awareness.
- **Certified All-Source Intelligence Professional (CASIP)** – Intelligence collection, analytical methodologies, intelligence fusion, and intelligence reporting.
- **Cyber Investigations Programs** – Cybercrime investigations, digital investigations, online investigations, and incident response.

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## Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)

Website: <https://www.acfe.com>

### Recommended Certification

- **Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)** – Fraud prevention, financial investigations, interviewing techniques, evidence collection, ethics, fraud detection, and legal aspects of fraud investigations.

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## ASIS International

Website: <https://www.asisonline.org>

### Professional Certifications

- **Professional Certified Investigator (PCI)** – Investigative planning, case management, interviewing, investigative techniques, and evidence handling.
  - **Certified Protection Professional (CPP)** – Enterprise security management, investigations, organizational security, and risk management.
  - **Physical Security Professional (PSP)** – Physical security systems, infrastructure protection, and security risk assessments.
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# SANS Institute

Website: <https://www.sans.org>

## Recommended Training Areas

- Digital Forensics
  - Incident Response
  - Threat Hunting
  - Malware Analysis
  - Network Security
  - Cloud Security
  - Cyber Threat Intelligence
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# International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS)

Website: <https://www.iacis.com>

## Recommended Training

- Computer Forensics
  - Digital Evidence Recovery
  - Forensic Imaging
  - Evidence Preservation
  - Advanced Digital Investigations
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# Cellebrite Academy

Website: <https://cellebrite.com/en/academy/>

## Recommended Training

- Mobile Device Examinations
- Mobile Evidence Collection
- Digital Intelligence
- Mobile Forensic Analysis
- Investigative Reporting

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## Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC)

**Website:** <https://www.fletc.gov>

Provides professional education and training for federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and international law enforcement personnel in:

- Criminal Investigations
- Interviewing Techniques
- Legal Training
- Fraud Investigations
- Cybercrime
- Homeland Security
- Protective Operations
- Firearms and Officer Safety

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## Veterans Funding Resources

Veterans may be eligible for educational assistance through:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)
- Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)
- VET TEC 2.0 (for approved technology training providers)
- State Veterans Education Benefits
- Military Credentialing Programs
- Employer Tuition Assistance
- Scholarships
- Workforce Development Programs

Veterans who previously used both the **Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)** and the **Post-9/11 GI Bill** may wish to contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to determine whether they qualify for additional education benefits under recent federal court decisions or updated VA guidance.

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## **Disclaimer**

The Union of Saints provides this information as a public educational resource for veterans and their families. Educational programs, certification requirements, tuition costs, accreditation, and veterans' education benefits are subject to change. Veterans should verify all information directly with the educational institution, certification provider, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs before enrolling in any educational or training program. The inclusion of an organization or educational resource does not constitute an endorsement by the Union of Saints.