



COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

Veteran Student Newsletter

Important!

- Changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Remember to complete certification form each semester
- Be sure to check in with your School Certifying Official when adding and dropping classes
- Join the CSI Veterans Organization
- End of Registration is August 26th!
- Last day to pay is August 26th

WELCOME

Introduction

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the CSI Veterans Newsletter. The intended purpose of this newsletter is to keep both veterans and active duty students informed about VA educational benefits and about resources available both on and off campus. There will be two editions of the newsletter each school year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The newsletter will be emailed to students' EagleMail accounts and will be available at the CSI Veterans Services webpage.

Changes are Coming! Don't be the last to know!

Changes are coming to the Post 9/11 GI Bill that will affect your benefits. If you are active duty, veteran or have transferred benefits, you will need to be aware of what changes are happening. Some include: Monthly housing allowance benefits, break pay, non-college degree programs, and reimbursement for "license or certification" tests. The updated changes with their details can be found online at www.gibill.va.gov. We encourage everyone who is receiving VA education benefits to please stay informed!

Join Us for a Veterans Recognition Luncheon

CSI Administration, the CSI Foundation, and the CSI Diversity Council are proud to sponsor a veterans recognition luncheon to be held on September 27th at 12:00 pm in room 276 of the Taylor Building. The luncheon is being held to honor the service of current and past armed forces members and to update students on the different initiatives to assist veterans on campus. All veterans and current members of armed forces are invited to the luncheon and may bring one guest. Please RSVP by contacting Tara Nunnelley in the Admissions and Records Office (tnunnelley@csi.edu 732-6231). Seating is limited.



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 Contact Us:
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“CSI Career and Counseling Services offers workshops each semester in Test Anxiety.”



College of Southern Idaho
Taylor Building 174 (SUB)
Visit their [website](#)

CSI Campus Resource Spotlight: CSI Career Center

The CSI Career Center is open to anyone in the community, and we welcome the opportunity to serve our veterans and servicemen and women. We are the landing spot for people who want to start or return to college and don't know which steps to take first. We offer two primary services, for no charge.

Career Exploration: What occupation? What major?

There are several ways to get started:

- Attend our free weekly workshop any Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 and join a small group discussion on your dream job. How do you find your dream job and go after it? No need to sign up; just come to the Career Center in Room 174 of the Taylor Building. If you have questions, call 732-6303 or 732-6306.
- Take a free career assessment online, anywhere, anytime. CSI subscribes to MyPlan.com so that you can learn more about yourself and what careers have been satisfying to people with personality, interests, skills and values similar to yours. The database of over 800 occupations allows you to look into the particulars of the careers that interest you: job duties, training required, average pay, and more.
- Meet with a career counselor one-on-one to interpret your assessments and plan your next steps toward your career and educational goals.

Job Search Preparation:

We offer a 2-hour Successful Job Seeking workshop on the first Wednesday of every month, from 10:30am to 12:30pm. No need to sign up; just come to the Career Center in Room 174 of the Taylor Building. If you have questions, call 732-6303 or 732-6306.

You are also welcome to make an individual appointment to create or update your resume, prepare for interviews, and get your questions about the hiring process answered. Call Merry Olson at 732-6260.

Also, eaglejobs.csi.edu is an online job board with off-campus employment opportunities. It is free and available to anyone in the community whether you are a student or not.



In addition to these general areas, CSI Career and Counseling Services offers workshops each semester in Test Anxiety and meets individually with students to address any issues that interfere with their academic success. You're welcome to visit the Career Center in the SUB. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and you can learn more about us at careers.csi.edu.

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Twin Falls Outpatient Clinic

The Boise VA Medical Center is located at 500 Fort Street in Boise, Idaho (208) 422-1000. This medical center offers many medical services to our veterans. There is however, a closer center for the veterans of the Magic Valley. The Twin Falls Outpatient Clinic is located at 260 2nd Ave East, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

At the Twin Falls Outpatient Clinic patients can receive the following services:

- Lab/blood work
- EKGs
- Women's health care
- Diabetic education
- Nutrition counseling
- Retinal exams (for people with diabetes)
- Social services
- MOVE (Management of Overweight Veterans) program
- Smoking Cessation programs
- Living Well Group
- Pharmacy clinics for high blood pressure or high cholesterol
- Behavioral health care
- Substance abuse treatment programs
- Telepsychiatry and other telehealth programs



The patient's assigned medical provider will attend to the majority of your medical needs and refer you to specialty services when necessary. If you would like more information about this clinic please call (208) 732-0959.

Student Veteran Organization

We are trying to start a veterans student club at CSI. The Club would give veterans and current armed forces members a chance to network and advocate for veterans issues on campus. Please contact Jonathon Steinke (jonathonsteinke@eaglemail.csi.edu 208-308-5276) if you are interested in joining the club.

Important Dates:

- August 26th-Last day to pay
- August 26th-Last day of registration. Add/Drop/Audit
- August 26th-Last day for 100% refund
- November 1st-Deadline to apply for Fall graduation
- November 7th-Spring registration begins

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Student Veterans Organization info contact [Jonathon Steinke](mailto:jonathonsteinke@eaglemail.csi.edu)



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Visit us Online:

<http://www.csi.edu/veteransServices/>

A Letter from your School Certifying Official

Dear Student,

Registration is now in session for Fall 2011 classes through August 26. I need to know when you register if you want to use your VA Educational benefits for the Fall. You need to complete the CSI Veterans Certification form found at: <http://www.csi.edu/forms/VeteranCertificationForm1.pdf> and send it to me as soon as possible. When you are certified for classes, the start/stop dates are reported on your certification form.

There are changes to the due dates for tuition and fees, adding and dropping classes, etc. You need to login to: <http://www.csi.edu/timeline.pdf> for the new timeline for the fall semester.

Keep in mind that if you are certified during the month of August, your money may be late. Tuition and fees are due on Friday, August 26. Remember you are responsible for your tuition. If you cannot pay your tuition by August 26, you can complete a Tuition Loan agreement found at: http://www.csi.edu/forms/Students_Forms/loan_agreement_FALL.pdf

This form must be in completed and turned into the CSI Records Office before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26!

If you are using CH 33, 9/11 educational benefits, you must bring in your Certificate of Eligibility to me as soon as you receive it. If you are not receiving 100% of benefits, you are responsible for the balance of the percentage regarding tuition which is due August 26. For example, if you are at 70% of benefits, you owe CSI 30% of the tuition and fees by the date tuition and fess are due.

You must enroll in classes that are required of your major. If you add, drop or change a class to Audit, you must notify me immediately. Grades of NC and F are reported to VA with "last day of attendance" per your instructor. If you receive an "I" (incomplete) grade, you have one year to complete the "I" grade. If you do not complete the "I" grade, VA will be notified and you may end up with an overpayment.

If you are graduating in December, 2011, you must apply for graduation online through MyCSI. The deadline to apply is November 1.

If you have not already done so, you must set up your CSI Eaglemail account on the CSI home page under the tab: Webmail. EagleMail is the tool that is used to communicate with students.

Sincerely,

Carol Carlile, VA Certifying Official

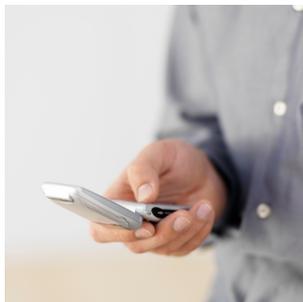
Suicide Prevention Hotline

The Department of Veterans Affairs has created a national suicide prevention hotline to help veterans and their families. Veterans and/or their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and **Press 1** or chat online at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, from a trained counselor.

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