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VA INFORMATION

The Debt Management National Call Center will now be open on Saturday’s from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST, starting January 31st through the tax season and tentatively ending on May 2, 2015. Their toll-free number is 1.800.827.0648.

Vocational Rehabilitation Appointments

On April 02, 2015- the Chapter 31 VA Representative Ms. Veronica Allen will be at UNCP meeting with students who are receiving Chapter 31 benefits. If you are receiving Chapter 31 benefits and would like to schedule an appointment with her on this date, please call or email me so we can assign you a time.
**Certification Information**

The VA now required all certifications to be submitted before or within the first 30 days of the semester. VA Enrollment Worksheets received after the first 30 days of the semester, can only be certified if the student has documented extenuating circumstances.

When completing the VA Enrollment Worksheet for certification, please be sure that it has been signed by your Academic Advisor prior to turning it into me. The VA Certifying Official is not your academic advisor and cannot sign the form.

Please be sure you attach a copy of your **Detailed Schedule**, not the **Time and Day Schedule**. The Detailed Schedule provides me with all the accurate information I need to complete the certification. To access your Detailed Schedule, please follow the steps below:

1. Log into Braveweb
2. Click on Banner Self-Service
3. Click on Student & Financial Aid
4. Click on Registration
5. Click on Student Detailed Schedule
6. Select the term
7. Print

***Reminder***

The GI Bill® Comparison Tool is now live at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison).
The tool assists a student to:

1. Determine their eligibility percentage and then choose resident or online training and their school
2. Choose their status (i.e. veteran, active duty, spouse, child or reserve/guard)
3. It will then tell them the percentage of T&F payable at that school (if its public) or the max payable (if its private),
4. Calculates the BAH (at full time and considering their eligibility percentage) and
5. Provides the max book stipend based on their eligibility percentage.

**Payment Information**

If you are *Chapter 30, 35, or 1606/1607*, you should prepare to cover any initial costs due for the term you are enrolled to make sure that your enrollment is secure. VA payments are sent to you directly; therefore it is your responsibility to make sure anything you owe is paid by the due date indicated by student accounts.

If you are *Chapter 33 Post 9/11*, your enrollment is secure until payment has been received directly to the University after we have certified electronically. You must have enough VA benefits to cover your tuition and fees. If you are considered less than 100% for your benefit payments, you must be prepared to pay any out of pocket expenses after VA has paid. To secure your classes, all certification documents are to be turned in as soon as you enroll.
**Question of the Month**

**How do I receive my VA Benefits during the summer?**

If you plan on using your GI Bill during the summer, please complete your VA Enrollment Worksheet and obtain your advisor signature. Once you have completed the worksheet and obtained the signature, please turn the worksheet into the VA School Certifying Official. If you plan on receiving financial aid, you will need to turn in a 2015 Summer School Application. The form will be available on the Financial Aid webpage under Forms and available in the Office of Financial Aid.

**UPCOMING DATES**

March 2\(^{rd}\)-6\(^{th}\) Spring Break (No Class)

March 9\(^{th}\)- 2\(^{nd}\) 8 week classes begin

March 11\(^{th}\)- Last day to drop a 2\(^{nd}\) 8 week class

March 11\(^{th}\)- Grad Finale UC Annex (10am-7pm)

March 12\(^{th}\)- Grad Finale UC Annex (10am-4pm)

March 16\(^{th}\)-20\(^{th}\) Advising Week

March 23\(^{rd}\)-27\(^{th}\) Pre-Registration for Summer/Fall

March 27\(^{th}\)- Last day to withdraw from a class
THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Turn in VA paperwork to the VA Certifying Official early.

- Do NOT complete the VA Enrollment Worksheet in pencil.

- The Department Of Veterans Affairs will NOT pay for any classes that are not within your degree program.

- Consult with your advisor if you have any questions about your program or classes.

- If you are Chapters 30 or 1606/1607 you must access the WAVE website with VA monthly to certify your enrollment. 
  www.gibill.va.gov/wave