SECTION 702 CHOICE ACT

The in-state tuition provision requires VA to disapprove programs of education under the Post-9/11 and Montgomery GI Bill programs at public institutions of higher learning if the schools charge qualifying Veterans, spouses, and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students for terms that begin after July 1, 2015. All UNC institutions are now in compliance with the Choice Act.
Students Eligible for In-State Tuition under Section 702 are:

- A Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

- A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the transferor’s discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the Service member’s death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

- The following is a link providing additional information:

  http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_resources.asp
**VA Work-Study**

The Robeson County Office of Veteran Services is looking for veterans/dependents who are interested in work-study. Your current enrollment status must be ¾ time or full-time. If you are interested, please contact Chris Oxendine at (910)671-3071.

**TA & CHAPTER 1606**

The Department of Defense (DOD) recently updated its instructions regarding the utilization of Tuition Assistance. In these updated instructions, DOD announced that they will no longer authorize Federal Tuition Assistance for classes for which a member is also receiving benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve program (chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code), Reserve Educational Assistance Program (chapter 1607 of title 10, United States Code), or any other GI Bill program other than the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty program (chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code) or the Post-9/11 GI Bill program (chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code).

The practical effect of DOD’s changes to the Tuition Assistance instructions, and the newly signed memoranda, is that schools should no longer be providing VA with certifications for classes under chapter 1606 or 1607 if the member is also using Tuition Assistance to pay for all or part of the class. 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.
Certification Information

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

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**

If I used my benefits in the fall, does that cover me for the Spring semester as well?

No, the VA Enrollment Worksheet needs to be completed every semester. Certification doesn’t automatically renew since it is semester specific. Once you have registered for your classes, please pick up a worksheet from the Office of Financial Aid or print it off the Office of Financial Aid’s website.

**Upcoming Dates**

August 13th- Book Store Charges Begin  
August 15th- New Student Orientation  
August 17th-18th- Welcome Program  
August 19th- Fall Semester Begins  
August 25th- Last day to add/drop a class  
August 26th- Tuition Payment Due by 5pm.  
August 27th- Classes dropped for non-payment  
August 31st- Book Store Charges End  

**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](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave)