Welcome Veterans and Dependents of Veterans!

GI Bill Comparison Tool

We’re pleased to announce the GI Bill® Comparison Tool is now live at 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 (ie 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.
The tool also gives info on the chosen school with regard to:

1. Principles of Excellence
2. Yellow Ribbon
3. Number of VA students at that school
4. Graduation rates, loan default rates and median borrowing at that school

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**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.**
FAQ’s

How do I make sure I get my certification of enrollment done?

After you are registered for classes, bring the VA Worksheet and a copy of your term schedule to the VA Certifying Official in the Financial Aid Office. Certification is NOT automatic.

What do I do if I change my program or enrollment status?

If you change enrollment or change your program of study, you must notify the VA Certifying Official in the office of Financial Aid immediately. Any changes or updates must be communicated to VA. Changes in enrollment can sometimes cause a debt for the student, where you may have to repay any funds you are not eligible for back to the VA.

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Important Dates

March 3rd-8th: Spring Break (No Class)

Grad Finale (March 12th & 13th)

March 12th- UC Annex (10-7)
March 13th- UC Annex (10-4)

March 14th- Last day to withdraw from a course.

March 24th-28th: Pre-registration for Summer and Fall semesters (currently enrolled students).
**Summer School**

If you plan on using your GI Bill during the summer, please complete a 2013 Summer School Application and an Enrollment worksheet. The summer school application will be available online and in our office once registration begins.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Appointments**

On April 09, 2014, - 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.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

1. Turn in VA paperwork to the VA Certifying Official early.
2. The Department Of Veterans Affairs will NOT pay for any classes that are not within your degree program.
3. Consult with your advisor if you have any questions about your program or classes.
4. Please do not turn in incomplete Enrollment Worksheets. The worksheets must have your *advisor’s signature* and a copy of your *detailed schedule attached*.
5. Do not complete any paperwork with a pencil. All information must be completed with an ink pen.