

# Veterans' Educational Assistance Programs

- a. Montgomery G.I. Bill®** - (Chapter 30) - Active duty Educational Assistance Program Chapter 30 of Title 38 U.S. Code. Benefit pays the student at home.
- b. Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)** - (Chapter 31) - (Formerly known as Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) This program provides services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching.
- c. Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance** - (Chapter 35 of Title 38, U.S. Code). This program provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents and survivors of certain Veterans.
- d. Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)** - (Chapter 1606) - Educational Assistance for members of the Selected Reserves and National Guard.
- e. Post 9-11 GI Bill® Education Benefits** - Chapter 33 - If you've served on active duty after September 10, 2001, you may qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

## Veterans' Payments and Responsibilities

**NOTE:** WSCC will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

*For specific questions not covered in this section please consult the VA Certifying Official on campus.*

- a. Selection of a program:** In consultation with a Success Advisor, each veteran must select and plan a program from the WSCC Catalog. Only classes under your approved major should be taken each semester. If you choose to change your major, you must contact the college VA Representative to complete the correct paperwork for the VA.
- b. Course load:** 12 semester hours and above is considered as full-time. 9, 10, or 11 hours is considered as 3/4 time. 6, 7, or 8 hours is considered 1/2 time. Less than 6 semester hours is considered 1/4 time.
- c. Transcripts:** All transcripts from all prior colleges must be received and evaluated in the Admissions Office prior to a Veteran being certified for VA Education Benefits.
- d. Attendance Policy:** VA students must attend 85% of class meetings in technical programs or risk funds being withdrawn.
- e. Repeated courses for veterans receiving educational benefits:** If a veteran fails a required course, he/she may repeat the course with pay. However, he/she cannot repeat a course just to improve a grade and receive payment through the Veterans Administration.
- f. Withdrawal policy:** Students who receive veteran's education benefits must notify the college VA Representative when dropping or adding a course or when withdrawing from the College. Each withdrawal or drop resulting in a reduction in course load must show the effective date and reason for the change.

**g. Receipt of checks:** A student who completes an application at the beginning of the semester should expect a VA processing period of approximately 60 days after the first day of the semester. If the estimated time has elapsed and a check has not arrived, the student should contact the college VA Representative and if the case warrants, an inquiry will be made to the Regional Office.

**h. Advance payment for veterans' benefits:** A veteran may request a one-time advance pay on their benefits. This must be done a minimum of three months in advance of the semester and if the funds are not received by the end of registration, the student is required to pay for their tuition and fees. WSCC cannot waive tuition and fees in anticipation of the arrival of advance funds.