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Center for Veteran, Military and Family Programs

The Center for Veteran, Military and Family Programs (https://wvuveterans.wvu.edu/home) at WVU assists in providing academic, personal and professional support for all military connected students in a safe and welcoming environment. The center is open to all veterans, armed forces personnel and dependents of current and former military service members.

For information on how to start your VA benefits:
U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (https://www.va.gov)
WV Educational Encouragement Program (https://apps.wv.gov/WVEEP)

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All students receiving VA benefits for the first time will need to complete a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) by going to U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (https://www.va.gov). This process may take three to four weeks to process. For all chapter benefits, go to the Center for Veteran, Military and Family Programs (https://wvuveterans.wvu.edu/home) for step-by-step instructions in order to be certified for benefits.

In order to receive full payments for VA benefits, veteran, current service members, and dependents, must maintain a minimum of 12-degree pursuant credit hours every term. Degree pursuant coursework can be defined as courses recorded as degree requirements, degree electives, course prerequisites, required general education courses, and minors required by a given major as stated in the WVU Catalog (http://catalog.wvu.edu). Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) or Military Science (MILS) courses and elective non-degree applicable courses, such as PE courses, do not count as degree pursuant courses except those fulfilling general education requirements or elective hours to complete major (if applicable).

Students receiving Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) who have served in the military, will need to send a DD-214 to ROTC@mail.wvu.edu to receive credit for basic training and advanced schooling.

Students receiving Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) benefits, need to be aware charges for housing and a meal plans are their responsibility. Once benefits begin, student will receive a stipend each month for full Basic Housing Allowance (BAH) as long as the student remains in 12 degree pursuant hours.

Students receiving benefits, must declare a major or non-exploratory pathway by the time they reach 29 earned hours. Students must matriculate into their intended degree program by 59 earned hours. If this does not happen, the student cannot be certified for benefit payment.

PRIOR CREDIT EVALUATION

All student veterans are required to submit a Prior Credit Evaluation Form within two semesters of coming to WVU in order to be certified for benefits. It will be the student’s responsibility to inform a certifying official if their major has changed. The certifying official will send a Prior Credit Evaluation Form to the student’s adviser to list the amount of credits to be used for the new major of choice.

Contact Information:
The Center for Veteran, Military, and Family Programs (CVMF) at WVU Mountainlair, Room 214
Email: veterans@mail.wvu.edu
Phone: 304-293-8825
Website: wvuveterans.wvu.edu
Facebook: WVUVeteransHQ
Twitter: @WVUVeterans

Registration for Veterans

West Virginia University offers priority registration to veterans as part of the Forever GI Bill - Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act.

Additional important information regarding attendance, leave policies and withdraw policies can be found under the Enrollment tab of the Advising, Enrollment and Grades (http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/enrollmentandregistration) section of the catalog.
Student Account Policies

Policies are in place concerning late fees, financial holds, removal from class and collections. Students should review the Student Accounts Financial Responsibility (https://studentaccounts.wvu.edu/policies) page for the most up to date information about Payment Due Dates, Late Payment Fees, Financial Holds and the Collection Policy.

SECTION 103

On December 31, 2018, the President signed into law the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018. It contains a provision (Section 103) that takes effect on August 1, 2019. Therefore, despite any policy to the contrary, for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA, WVU will not:

- Prevent their enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to;
- Require they secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA’s Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class;
- Provide written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies (see our VA School Certifying Official for all requirements).