

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

Western Piedmont Community College

1. To be certified to receive VA Education Benefits you must: 1) enroll in an approved program of study; 2) meet all admissions requirements; and 3) have high school transcripts (or recognized equivalent) and all prior college transcripts on file with WPCC's Admissions Office.
2. You cannot be paid for audited courses, independent study courses, credits by exam, courses taken outside of the curriculum, repeated courses with a passing grade, courses in which transfer credit has been awarded, or any other courses not counting toward graduation.
3. To be paid for Developmental/Remedial courses, College Placement Test results must require that you enroll in the developmental course. **HOWEVER**, developmental or remedial courses offered in a hybrid or internet format are **NOT** eligible for benefits.
4. You may be paid only for those courses which are a part of your program of study. It is your responsibility to ensure enrollment in only those courses required in your program of study.
5. **Only** the elective hours required for degree completion as stated in the College catalog in your program of study in the year of entry may be used.
6. If substituting a class, an approved Student Petition must be on file in the office of Student Records and a copy sent to the VA Certifying Official.
7. It is your responsibility to **immediately** inform the VA Certifying Official of any changes in your enrollment after your certification has been forwarded to the Department of Veterans Affairs. (For example: a change in your curriculum, if you drop or add courses, or if you withdraw from classes or totally from school.)
8. You **are expected to** attend class meetings. Failure to report non-attendance or changes in your enrollment will result in suspension of your VA Education Benefits. You will be liable for any false information given.
9. You **must** be making satisfactory academic progress toward completion of your program of study. Failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters will result in the termination of benefits.
10. You **must** submit a copy of your registration receipt and schedule to the VA Certifying Official **each semester or session you register** at WPCC. Certification of your enrollment for educational benefits cannot be processed without your enrollment receipt/schedule.
11. **Post 9/11 (CH 33) recipients:** the monthly BAH payment is based on being enrolled at least 51% of the rate of pursuit. Students enrolled less than 7 SHC during the fall or spring semesters will not receive BAH for that term. Students enrolled less than 4 SHC during a summer session are not eligible for BAH. Post 9/11 (CH 33) recipients who enroll in **ALL** distance education courses (online, hybrid, web assisted, etc.) will receive a reduced BAH based on a national average as determined by the Veterans Administration.
12. **MGIB-Active Duty (Ch. 30), MGIB Selected Reserve (Ch. 1606), or Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP, Ch. 1607) recipients:** you *MUST verify attendance monthly* (preferably on the last business day of each month) to receive benefits. Verification of attendance can be done as follows:
 - a. On the internet using W.A.V.E. (Web Automated Verification of Attendance) at www.gibill.va.gov
 - b. Calling the automated telephone system at 1-877-823-2378.
13. If receiving IN-State tuition rates based on qualifying as a covered individual under Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, 38 USC 3679(c), my signature below indicates my intent to establish residency in North Carolina. YES: _____ NO: _____
14. I have read and understand all the policies/procedures listed above. I understand that I am responsible for following these procedures, for any false information given, and for any outstanding balances on my student account.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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