

Northwest Florida State College- Veteran Affairs Office

VA Student Briefing

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Last Name		First Name		MI		Student ID#	
_____						_____	
Address						Student Social Security #	
_____				_____			
City/State/Zip				NWFS e-mail address			
_____		_____		_____			
Home/Cell Phone		Work Phone		Name of Program (as listed in College Catalog)			
<p>Applied for Educational Benefits VONAPP?↑ <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↑ <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Have you previously used VA benefits? <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↑ <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Chapter: _____</p> <p>Are you on Active Duty?↑ <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↑ <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Branch of Service upon separation: _____</p>				<p>Transient Student?↑ <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↑ <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Transient Form on file at NWFS e-mail address? ↑ <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↑ <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Parent School: _____</p> <p>Transient students must provide a Parent School Letter or register through Florida Virtual Campus: flvc.org</p>			
Educational Benefit: <input type="checkbox"/> MGIB (Ch. 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Post 9/11 (Ch. 33) <input type="checkbox"/> VA Voc Rehab (Ch. 31) <input type="checkbox"/> Reservist (Ch. 1606)							
<input type="checkbox"/> REAP (Ch. 1607) <input type="checkbox"/> Fry Scholarship (Ch 33) <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent (Ch. 35) Dependents DVA File # _____							

Please Read and Check each item

- ___1. I understand that I am responsible for information in the [NWFS catalog](#) and the [NWFS Student Veteran Handbook](#). Contact Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) at www.gibill.va.gov or by calling 1-888-442-4551 for more information. Chapter 31 students should contact their Vocational Rehabilitation counselor.
- ___2. Every semester:
- 1) I must register for classes, notifying the college I plan to attend.
 - 2) I am required to initiate VA certification by submitting a VA Enrollment Certification Request.
 - I must notify the NWFS VA Office of any changes to my schedule.
 - ◆ Submit changes on the DROP/ADD blocks of the VA Enrollment Certification Request.
 - ◆ My status will never be increased without my request; however it will be decreased when I drop courses.
 - Students using Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI BILL:
You must present your Certificate of Eligibility/Award Letter to the cashier at the NWFS Business Office after registering every semester to secure your classes while waiting for the VA to make your tuition payment to NWFS. *Failure to do so will result in your classes being DROPPED for nonpayment.*
- ___3. I will contact my academic advisor during my first term to complete an official Program of Study (POS) and return an approved copy to the NWFS VAO no later than the end of my first semester.
- All required transcripts must be received and evaluated before an Advisor will write a Program of Study.
 - Failure to return a POS will prohibit certification of classes for future semesters.
- ___4. I can be paid only for courses listed on my approved POS. Any course substitutions or changes in my program must be authorized by the Registrar by submitting a course substitution form through an advisor.

___5. College Prep remedial/deficiency courses cannot be any form of distance learning. These are in resident (100% in classroom) only; VA will not pay for hybrid or online preparatory classes.

___6. I understand I may be eligible for a VA tuition deferment of up to 60 days only once per academic year. I understand am responsible for all tuition and fees unless I officially withdrew within the established deadline for receipt of a refund. I understand my college registration and VA certification for benefits will be canceled if the deferment is not paid when due.

___7. I understand that after I have submitted all required documents, my paperwork may take up to 21 days processing time in the NWFSC VAO and as many as 60 days with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Muskogee, OK.

___8. I understand that the NWFSC VAO communicates with me via my student e-mail address. When the Certification is submitted, students will receive a confirmation message from "VA ONCE" to college e-mail.

___9. I understand that to be paid, all Chapter 30, 1606/1607 veterans must do a monthly verification with the DVA on W.A.V.E. at <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/> or by phone at (877) 823-2378.

___10. I understand training time (Rate of Pursuit for Chapter 33 students) is determined by the DVA based on enrollment and term length (first day of the session to last day of final exams).

- VA will only pay BAH if the student's rate of pursuit is 51% or greater.
- 100% online will only receive half the national average for BAH
- Must have 1 "in-resident" class to qualify for the full BAH rate.
- Hybrid classes are classified as online course-whether fully online or not.

Example: If 12 credit hours is full time for that semester	
12 Credit hours	100% BAH
11 Credit hours	90% BAH
10 Credit hours	80% BAH
9 Credit Hours	80% BAH
8 Credit Hours	70% BAH
7 Credit Hours	60% BAH
6 Credit Hours or less	\$0 BAH

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

Visit VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) - Available to all veterans, active duty service members, and dependents attending NWFSC.

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VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) is a program through the Veterans Benefits Administration that places an experienced Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor directly on campus to assist & support Veteran students and their eligible family members. This counselor will serve as a "one-stop liaison" for Veterans on campus.

Important Links	
Department of Veteran Affairs	http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/
Student Veteran Handbook	http://www.nwfsc.edu/documents/pdfs/FinancialAid/2014/VA_student_handbook_2014.pdf
NWFSC VA Page	http://www.nwfsc.edu/Students/PayingforCollege/FinancialAid/veterans.cfm
eBenefits	https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage
Pay Calculations – See VA Benefit Section	http://catalog.nwfsc.edu/content.php?catoid=9&navoid=1489#Veterans_Educational_Benefits