



NC WESLEYAN VETERANS SERVICES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Go to <http://www.ncwc.edu/admissions/financial-assistance/types-aid/veterans-administration-benefits.php> to retrieve all highlighted links.

How do I receive the GI Bill at North Carolina Wesleyan College?

Complete a New Student **Veterans Education Assistance –Student Form** and submit it to your designated School Certifying Official (SCO).

When do I submit the Enrollment Certification Form?

First you must be officially accepted and your transfer credits must be officially evaluated. Then, you will submit the **Enrollment Certification Form** along with your registration each time you register.

How do I get a Certificate of Eligibility (COE)?

If you are a veteran, go to the official web site of the Department of Veteran Affairs, Education Division at www.gibill.va.gov and complete an electronic application, **VA Form 22-1990**, Application for VA Education Benefits. You will be mailed a COE in approximately 8 weeks.

But classes start before that, can I be certified without a COE?

Yes, if you provide documentation that you are eligible for the benefit, and that you have applied. However, **only** the Department of Veteran Affairs can determine eligibility for VA benefits. We are only estimating what they will pay. You will be responsible for any amount of your debt VA has determined they will not pay for. If you are unsure, wait until your COE is mailed to you.

I am using my parent or spouse's GI Bill, can I give you their COE?

No, those documents state that *they* are eligible, not *you*. You must have a COE with your name on it **or** the approved Transferability Authorization and *submitted* VA Form 22-1990E.

How do I apply for the Yellow Ribbon (YR) Scholarship?

You have to complete the **Yellow Ribbon Application** and submit it to your SCO. NCWC currently selects two Yellow Ribbon students per year (traditional students only). Each YR student receives an additional \$1000 grant from NCWC, which is matched by the VA.

Wait! What? If I'm active duty I can't get my full tuition covered with the Post 9/11 GI Bill?

Because of the change in the Post 9/11 GI Bill effective 8/1/2011, an active-duty service-member must have served at least 36 months to be qualified at the 100% rate and even then the VA will not match the Yellow Ribbon contribution for active duty service members and their spouses.

Can I get other financial aid?

You may possibly qualify for PELL grants, outside scholarships or grants and student loans. The first step would be to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the form then talk to our financial aid counselors in the **Office of Financial Aid**.

How will other financial aid affect my GI Bill?

It depends on the type of benefit. We are required to report to VA the net tuition cost after applying grants, scholarships, discounts, etc. that must apply to tuition. The balance is what VA will pay under Chapter 33 Post 9/11 Bill.

How do I get transfer credit for my military training?

You must provide an official copy of your military record; DD Form 214; **AARTS (Army)**; **SMART (Navy & USMC)**; or **Air University (Air Force)**, during the admissions process along with your prior college transcripts so it can be evaluated. Each service has a website to request official transcripts.

What are approved courses?

All of the academic programs at NCWC have been approved for Veterans Education Benefits. However, only those courses that are required for your declared major can be approved for your benefits, and electives if needed.

Why can't I sign up for elective classes if I cannot get a full-time schedule?

If electives are needed you can. If you do not need electives VA will pay only for those courses required for your program. Thirty-six months of benefits means you need an average of 15 credit hours each semester **in your program** to graduate and that is what we want you to do.

Can I change my major?

Yes. We recommend you first consult with your Academic Advisor. Your advisor must change your major with the Registrar's Office – you will be asked to complete the **Major Declaration Form**. You must report this change to your SCO.

What if I want to double major?

You may be approved for a minor or dual major but you must have at least 50% of your major requirements completed before you can be certified outside your declared major. You should also confer with your Academic Advisor before adding a minor or additional major. You must provide a copy of your declaration with the Registrar office.

Will VA pay the additional fees if I take a directed study or independent study class?

No. VA will not pay for the additional fee, they will pay for the tuition cost. Additional fees would be your responsibility. Courses taken on a pass-fail basis or for audit are also not covered by VA Education Benefits.

My instructor says I need a specific type of (calculator, instrument, etc.), will VA pay for that?

The Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay the fees that are required for all students such as the Student Activity Fee and Student Health Insurance premium. Fees for applied music lessons, PGM fees, tennis fees, parking fees, etc. must be purchased using your book and equipment allowance that is sent to you, not charged to the school. If you are using chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation, your VA career counselor may approve additional required expenses.

How can I get my books now?

Your book allowance is sent to your bank or mailing address by the VA once your course schedule has been certified. Unless you are also using financial aid, you will need to pay for your books yourself.

I am not doing very well in my class, should I withdraw?

That would be your decision, however, if you drop a course after the add-drop period you will have to reimburse VA for what they paid.

But if I stay in the class I might fail then I'd have to pay VA back too, right?

No, an F means you attended class but did not score high enough to pass; VA will pay for the course and pay for you to re-take it and replace the failing grade; however you must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as described in the **NCWC catalog**. Failure to maintain SAP will result in termination of VA benefits. Repeating classes will adversely affect your SAP but will positively affect your GPA.

What if I just stop going to the class?

In that case you should be awarded a WF which is a punitive grade. It would affect your GPA the same as an F **and** you would have to repay the VA for that course.

I want to stay on campus, does the VA housing stipend pay for that?

Yes and no. The housing stipend for the Post 9/11 GI Bill is a flat rate payment based on the zip code of the school paid direct to the student and it is paid at the end of each month after enrolling. This amount may or may not cover the cost of room and board at the school. The charges are payable at the time of registration. It is your responsibility to make arrangements with the Business Office for payment.

I am using my Montgomery GI Bill (CH 30) because I was told if I use it first I can also get the Post 9/11 GI Bill, right?

It is possible. Individuals authorized more than one GI Bill benefit are allowed to use up to 48 months of benefits but only one at a time. If you have used up your entire chapter 30 and have never used a different chapter (31, 32, 34, 35, 1606 or 1607) you could be eligible for an additional 12 months if you have not reached your delimiting date.

So if I am a veteran and a military spouse, I can only use 12 months of the Transfer of Eligibility (TOE) after using my own GI Bill?

No, spouses or children using the Post 9/11 GI Bill's Transfer of Eligibility are eligible for up to 72 months of total benefits if they are also eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill in their own right.

Will I get paid during the break between semesters?

Benefit payments for all chapters will only be paid during the term dates. President Obama issued an Executive Order January 5, 2011 revoking authority from VA to pay the break pay after August 1, 2011.

I called the VA and they said my payment was sent to the school but the Business Office says it has not been credited to my account, why are you holding it?

We ask that you allow 14 days for the payment to be processed by the various departments (Bookkeeping, Veteran Services Office, Financial Aid, Institutional Computing, Business Office) for checks and balances, to ensure accuracy and to make any changes that may be necessary (for instance if you have any course changes since your initial registration and issuance of financial aid award letter).

I have made no changes why does it take so long to process mine?

While your particular case may be a simple one the person whose payment we received before you may need a lot of attention. We ask that you be patient and allow us to take the time and care necessary to be accurate.

I did not receive a W-2 from VA. Do I need to pay taxes on my GI Bill benefits?

No. Any veterans' benefits paid under any law administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) should not be reported as income to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You will not receive a W-2 from the VA.

I have a question that is not listed here can you answer it?

Contact your **School Certifying Official**, go to the VA website at [-www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call the toll-free VA Hotline for students at 888-442-4551