



## Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services

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## Chapter 30 and 1606/1607 Information

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### CHAPTER 30—Montgomery GI Bill & Selective Reserve Educational Assistance Program

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#### **Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30)**

- Education benefits based on active duty service
- Available benefits may vary depending on each person's particular situation and length of active duty service
- Individuals entering military service on or after July 1, 1985 contribute \$100 a month for the first twelve months of their service to be eligible for this educational assistance program.
- Veteran must have been released from active duty with the character of discharge specifically listed as honorable.
- This benefit must be used within ten years after the veteran is discharged from active duty.

#### **National Guard / Selective Reserve (Chapters 1606/1607)**

- For reservists and National Guardsmen
- Eligible individual enlists, re-enlists, or extends an enlistment for a period of not less than six years, and
- Has completed IADT
- The Reserve/Guard determines your eligibility
- To receive Chapter 1607, must have been activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001

#### **Basic Benefits**

- Monthly living stipend
- Amounts vary depending on enrolled hours and benefit eligibility
- Amounts available online at: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

#### **Initial Application**

- A meeting with a Financial Aid Advisor will be necessary as part of your initial application process
- Complete VA form 22-1990
- PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND ANSWER IN FULL. The application is available at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>
- Submit initial certification request form to the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services

#### **Prior Credit Evaluation**

#### **If you have previously attended any other colleges**

You **must** have academic transcripts submitted to the Parkland Office of Admissions and Records so that previous credit can be evaluated—no exceptions. Please note: The transcript must come directly from the previous institution. It cannot be hand carried by you.

### **Previous military course work evaluation**

If you wish to have any previous military course work evaluated, contact the Assistant Director in the Parkland Admissions office for further information.

### **Certification**

Each semester after registering for classes, and after submitting a **Veterans' Benefits Request Form**, you will be certified after it is confirmed that the classes that you are enrolled in will count towards your certificate/degree program.

### **Enrollment Guidelines and Helpful Hints**

- It may take up to twelve weeks to process your initial claim for benefits with the VA.
- When you apply for VA educational benefits, you must declare your educational goal in the form of a specific academic major.
- Parkland College academic counselors are available to you for personal discussion and advisement of our educational goals and course selection.
- The VA is prohibited from paying you for any courses in which you enroll that do not apply to the academic major you specified when applying for benefits.
- You **must** be certificate/degree-seeking to receive this benefit.
- If you are currently on active duty, or enrolled in a term less than half-time you will not receive a "living stipend". You will only receive a onetime payment for the amount of tuition.
- A class that is repeated can only be certified if it was failed or if a grade was given that precludes you from moving to the next level.
- If you withdraw from any classes, you can be charged with a financial "overpayment" retroactive to the beginning of the semester. Before withdrawing from any classes, you should speak with a financial aid advisor.
- You cannot remain on academic probation longer than two consecutive terms without your enrollment certification being interrupted for "lack of satisfactory academic progress." (See college catalog, "Veterans Affairs (VA): Policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress.")
- You have the right to file a "Statement in Support Claim" (VA form 21-4138).
- It is your responsibility to inform the Office of Financial Aid in a timely manner of any changes in your address and Parkland College enrollment status.
- Never make assumptions when it comes to your academic program or VA benefits. If you have any questions about educational benefits, contact the Office of Financial Aid. If you have any academic questions, contact your academic advisor/counselor.

### **Enrollment Verification Guidelines**

You **must** verify your enrollment monthly with the VA in order to receive your benefits. This can be done on the last day of each month after you receive your eligibility letter.

Online (WAVE): [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

Touch-tone telephone: 1-877-823-2378

### **VA Contact Information**

Federal Benefit Information  
U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Regional Office  
P. O. Box 66830  
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6830  
1-888-442-4551

E-mail: go to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov), and click on "ask a question."