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MEMORANDUM

TO: Veterans eligible for vocational rehabilitation
FROM: Office of Financial Aid
RE: CHAPTER 31
Vocational Rehabilitation

On behalf of the Office of Financial Aid, we would like to welcome you to Parkland College. We trust your educational objectives will be met as you attend Parkland College. If you have questions concerning your educational benefits, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Veterans who served in the armed forces during World War II or thereafter are eligible for vocational rehabilitation if all the following conditions are met:

- Suffered a service-connected disability in active service, which entitles them to compensation; and
- Were discharged or released under other than dishonorable conditions; and
- The U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) determines that they need vocational rehabilitation to overcome the employment handicaps caused by the disability.

I. Initial Meeting

Your initial meeting will be with your vocational rehabilitation case manager in Peoria. This caseworker will then send an Authorization and Certification of Entrance or Reentrance into Rehabilitation and a Certification of Status form to the Parkland Office of Financial Aid to inform us of your eligibility. Your caseworker will need to send us this form each semester.

II. Certification

We will submit your enrollment certification to your vocational rehabilitation case manager once we receive authorization from your vocational rehabilitation counselor and you are enrolled in classes for the semester. At this time, we will also credit your student account for tuition and fee payment.

III. Book Voucher

You will need to come into the Parkland Office of Financial Aid no sooner than one week prior to the beginning of the semester to request a book voucher. You will need to take the voucher and a copy of your schedule to the bookstore in order to pick up your books.

IV. Supplies

The book voucher can also be used to purchase normal supplies, such as paper, pens, pencils, bookbags, etc. However, if you need to purchase other items, such as a calculator required for a math class, you will need to get permission from your case manager. To do this, you will need to submit, to the Office of Financial Aid, a copy of the course syllabus or a letter from the instructor on Parkland letterhead stating that the item is required. The Office of Financial Aid will contact your case manager to determine whether or not your request will be approved. If it is approved, the Office of Financial Aid will provide you with a new book voucher approving the purchase.

**Vocational Rehabilitation
Contact Information**

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