

Columbia-Greene Community College
Veteran Student
Statement of Understanding

Student Name _____ C-GCC ID # _____

VA Chapter _____

All new or readmit students, who are receiving VA benefits, must complete and submit this form to the Veterans Certifying Official. *If you fail to comply with this requirement, it may result in an over-payment or under-payment of benefits and /or may delay or stop benefits. Any over-payment becomes a debt that must be paid back to the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

1. I agree to submit all necessary paperwork for Enrollment Certification including Discharge Papers (Member 4 copy of DD214), NOBE (Notice of Basic Eligibility) if a reservist and other documentation as requested.
2. I understand that my benefits will be automatically certified each semester (Fall, Spring, and Summer) unless I contact the Veterans Certifying Official to indicate otherwise.
3. I understand that, for payment purposes, courses I enroll in must be listed as a course requirement in my program of study as outlined in the C-GCC catalog in effect at the time of my initial enrollment.
4. I understand that, for payment purposes, the VA will only pay for transitional coursework if my College Placement Test results require I enroll in the course.
5. I understand that the VA will not pay for audited courses, independent study courses, credit by exam, courses taken outside of my curriculum, repeated courses with a passing grade, courses where transfer credit has been granted or any other courses not required for graduation.
6. If I receive either the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30) or Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606), I acknowledge that I MUST verify my enrollment monthly to receive payments. This verification can be done either by using the WEB Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) application at www.gibill.va.gov, or by using the automated telephone system at 1-877-823-2378.
7. I must attend class to receive veteran's education benefits. It is my responsibility to immediately inform the Veterans Certifying Official if I:
 - drop, add, or withdraw from a class(es)
 - am repeating a class that I have already earned a letter grade in
 - stop attending class
 - change my major
8. If I am a Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill) recipient, I acknowledge that I am responsible for any overpayment incurred as a result of not completing courses or changes to my course schedule after initial certification. I acknowledge that any excess funds on my Student Account will be refunded to me and that I will need to resolve any overpayment with the VA.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Useful Information

Chapter 30 – Montgomery Bill

- VA will pay student directly via monthly payments. VA will not directly pay the College for tuition; student is fully responsible for paying tuition.
- Student will not be able to register for a future semester until current semester bill is paid.
- VA payments sent directly to student are based on student's credit hours and military time served. Time served is established by the VA.
- Student must verify their enrollment monthly to avoid a delay in benefits. Student can verify by phone 888-442-4551 or online at www.gibill.va.gov/wave.

Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehab

- VA will pay tuition directly to the College.

Chapter 33 – Post 9/11

- VA will pay tuition directly to the College. Student will qualify for monthly basic housing allowance if taking at least 7 credits total one of which, is taken on campus. A student cannot take all online classes.
- Student will qualify for a book stipend but will need to purchase books on their own and seek reimbursement from the VA.

Chapter 35 – Survivor's Benefits and Dependent's Benefits

- Student is fully responsible for paying tuition and fees.

Chapter 1606 and 1607 – Reserves/Guard (REAP)

- Student is responsible for paying tuition and fees.
- Student must verify their enrollment monthly to avoid a delay in benefits. Students can verify by phone 888-442-4551 or online at www.gibill.va.gov/wave.