

Veterans' Assistance

The goal of the School Certifying Official (SCO) is to assist enrolled veterans, and their eligible dependents in accessing education benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Eligibility for VA education benefits is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans and eligible dependents must apply for education benefits online through the VA at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill. The VA will send eligible applicants a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). The COE must be submitted to the SCO by email.

VA Information:

Website: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

Phone: 888 GI-BILL1 - (888.442.4551)

Eligible beneficiaries must electronically submit a Veterans Education Benefit Certification Request form each semester they wish to be certified for benefits at <https://nashuacc.edu/afford-ncc/military-and-va-assistance/>.

Enrollment verification for properly documented veteran students is electronically reported to the Veterans Administration in a two-part process. The number of credits each veteran is enrolled in will be reported once the student submits the Veterans Education Benefit Certification Request form. Tuition and fees will then be reported after the add/drop period for the college system.

Students must follow the course requirements listed in the curriculum for their stated program as the School Certifying Official can only report courses within that program. Transfer students must submit official transcripts to the College for evaluation prior to requesting certification. Students cannot be certified for classes that they have received transfer credit for.

VA funded students are responsible for immediately notifying the College's School Certifying Official before taking any action affecting their enrollment status (such as course drops, adds, or non-passing grades). Failure to do so may result in a debt to the VA.

All students must contact the School Certifying Official before adding or changing a major. Additional information may be required by the VA before the College can certify a second major.

Satisfactory progress toward completion, as specified in the Academic Standards section of this Catalog, must be maintained. Students who are placed on academic suspension must meet the published Academic Standards and be accepted to an approved degree program before benefits can be resumed.

Veterans who utilize Chapter 30 or 1606 must verify their enrollment each month to receive payment for that month. Enrollment can be verified on the last calendar day of the month by using Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) at <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave> or by calling the VA toll free at 1-888.GI-BILL1 (888.442.4551)

Post-9/11 GI Bill® students who receive Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) and/or kicker payments are required to verify their enrollment to continue receiving their payments. You can verify enrollment via text or email. Contact the VA for more information by calling 1-888- GI-BILL1 - (888.442.4551)

The Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) has adopted the following policies, which provide for payment of in-state tuition rates for veterans and covered individuals under U.S.C. § 3011 and § 3311 living in New Hampshire. More specifically, CCSNH system finance policies at 421.01.1 provide:

A veteran, as defined under RSA 21:50, I, or a covered individual, as defined under Chapter 30 or 33 of Title 38 of the United States Code using educational assistance benefits provided under federal law, shall be charged in-state tuition while living in New Hampshire and enrolled in any institution of the Community College System of New Hampshire.

A spouse or child using educational assistance benefits provided pursuant to Chapter 30 or 33 of Title 38 of the United States Code shall be charged in-state tuition while living in New Hampshire and enrolled in any institution of the Community College System of New Hampshire.

In-state tuition shall be charged to all covered individuals, including but not limited to the following circumstances: Any veteran that has a three-year period of service and an honorable discharge and any veteran for whom this period of service is followed by a four-year period of service, and there is a dishonorable discharge. All of the discharges enumerated in 38 U.S.C. § 3311(c) and 38 U.S.C. § 3011 will be interpreted to fall under New Hampshire RSA 21:50, I, (a)(2).

In applying the policies, the term “spouse” will be interpreted to include current spouses, former spouses, and same-sex spouses and the term “child” will be interpreted to include biological, adopted, pre-adoptive, and stepchildren of a spouse, including of a same-sex spouse or former spouse.

Please see the School Certifying Official if you need assistance or have questions.

Students receiving GI Bill® and VA Voc Rehab must provide a certificate of eligibility, or valid VAF 28-1905 to their college’s School Certifying Official. In addition, students must make a payment arrangement for any tuition and fees (not covered by their military benefit) by the tuition due date each semester. Once these two requirements are met, students receiving military benefits will be considered in good financial standing.

If a student’s eligibility for GI Bill® and VA Voc Rehab should change at any point during a semester, the student will be responsible to make payment arrangements for any balance that may be due as a result of the change.

The institution will not impose a penalty, or require the beneficiary to borrow additional funds to cover tuition and fees due to late payments from the VA. The college will allow up to 90 days from the date the beneficiary provides COE or valid VAF 28-1905 form, to receive payment from the VA. During this 90-day timeframe, the beneficiary should not experience any interruption in educational services such as being withdrawn from their course for non-payment.

If a student’s GI Bill® or VR&E benefits expire, the VA sends notification directly to the student, not the college. Students should contact their School Certifying Official promptly upon receiving notice of their expired/expiring VA benefits. By doing so, the student will have more time to explore alternative options for payment arrangements, and avoid an interruption in registering for future classes or receiving transcripts.