

Veterans Affairs

Chipola College is certified by the Florida State Approving Agency (SAA) for training under the various U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Education and Training Programs (GI Bill ®). The college's policies and procedures are applicable to all eligible students who make application for, and receive, VA Educational or Training Assistance/Benefits under Chapters 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 1606 and 1607 while enrolled in an approved program of study. All degrees, certificates and courses offered by the college must be approved by the Florida SAA to allow payments to eligible students. Student Veterans or dependents planning to enroll at Chipola College and wishing to receive VA educational/training benefits should consult with the college's VA Services Office well in advance of registering for classes. The School Certifying Officer (SCO) will coach the veteran through the required applications and forms needed for VA benefits and/or enrollment certification. **The veteran assumes responsibility for all fees at registration.** However, veterans attending the college under Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation) who have approval from the VA will have registration fees paid directly to the college by the VA. Veterans attending college under Chapter 33, also known as Post-911, will have all or a percentage of tuition and fees paid based on their length of active duty service paid directly to the college by the VA.

Veterans (students) desiring information about benefits and requirements should contact Chipola College's VA Services Office at 850-718-2437 or the VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000. Website - www.gibill.va.gov.

For VA purposes, training time is usually computed as follows:

12 or more credit hours	Full time
9 - 11 hours	3/4 time
6 - 8 hours	1/2 time
1 - 5 hours	Less than half time

For the summer term, training time is computed differently. Veterans are advised to contact the VA Services Office before registering.

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), Chipola College adopts the following additional provisions for any student using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill (Ch.33) or Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. Chipola College will not:

- Prevent the student's enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to the student;
- Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny the student access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;
- A Vocational Rehabilitation student must provide a VAF 28-1905 form;
- The Member 4 copy of the Veteran's DD214 form;
- Provide a written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies.

Out of State Tuition Waiver

State and federal law extends out-of-state tuition waivers to students who are:

- Honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, The United States Reserve Forces, the National Guard, or
- Eligible veteran dependents **using VA educational benefits**,

regardless of these students' state of residency, as long as they physically reside in Florida during their time in school.

The waiver program also includes Active duty members of the Armed Forces of the U.S. residing or stationed outside of Florida. Those members stationed in or living in Florida should qualify for residency under the Office of Admissions

<http://www.chipola.edu/registrar/docs/2016/CC%20AD%20Residency%20Declaration%2002%202016.pdf> ,

The Veteran Out of State Tuition Waiver Program for Florida colleges and universities:

- Is classified as a tuition waiver
- Exempts eligible students from being held to the 12-month residency rule for out-of-state students
- Cannot be granted to students who live outside of Florida again, except in the case of active duty service members
- Expires for dependents who exhaust VA educational benefits

Documents that verify you reside in Florida must include the student's name and current address; examples include a signed lease, declaration of domicile, utility bill, driver's license, voter's registration card or vehicle registration.

Chipola College students who are honorably discharged former military members to include National Guard and Reservists and have lived in Florida for **less than 12 months** must submit:

- The Member 4 copy of the veteran's DD214 showing their character of discharge as Honorable (**DD214 is only required once, it will not be required for future semesters**).
- Documentation that the student veteran currently resides in Florida. **Depending upon what documentation is provided, this may be required each semester.**