

Veterans Assistance

Eligibility

Persons enrolled in an approved program at Bladen Community College will be eligible to receive veteran's education benefits if they qualify.

Exclusions

Audited courses, independent study courses, credits by exam, courses taken outside of the curriculum, courses for which transfer credit has been awarded, repeated courses with a passing grade, or any other courses not counted toward graduation will not be used in calculating hours for payment purposes.

Application Process

- Veterans should apply for their education benefits online at www.gibill.va.gov.
- Complete the RDS process for Bladen Community College.
- Apply for admission to Bladen Community College.
- Contact high school and colleges attended to send official transcripts to Bladen Community College and provide the Admissions and Records Office with service schools or tests which may be evaluated for credit.
- Make an appointment to meet with the VA Coordinator to discuss the students education plan and how to complete it.

Attendance

Regular class attendance is required to receive VA attendance.

- Recipients of VA education benefits are paid while in class attendance.
- A student who withdraws from class must notify the VA Coordinator immediately to avoid overpayment.
- The student is responsible for notifying the VA Coordinator of any reason for non-attendance.
- All students who are receiving either the Montgomery GI BILL Active duty or Selected Reserve MUST verify their enrollments monthly to receive payments. This verification can be done either on line at www.gibill.va.gov or by calling 1-877-823-2378 and follow the prompts. This information must be reported each month before another VA check will be mailed or deposited.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Students receiving Veterans Education Benefits must meet the requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the Bladen Community College Catalog (Cumulative GPA of 2.0).
- Recipients failing to meet the standards (2.0 GPA) will be placed on academic probation. If at the end of the probationary semester academic standards are again not met, a second semester of probation will be allowed. If veteran students have failed to meet the minimum requirements for satisfactory academic progress after the second semester of probation, the student's VA benefits will be terminated.
- Veteran students may continue to attend BCC but cannot receive VA educational benefits. When the student has met school standards, benefits will be certified at the beginning of the next semester.
- Appeals submitted for Financial Aid will not be considered for VA Education Benefits.

Payment Guidelines

- Bladen Community College does not participate in the Advance Payment Program.
- Veteran students are required to pay all charges at the time of registration. Only exception is for those veterans receiving the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Student Course Load

- For VA payment purposes, students must register for and maintain a minimum of twelve semester hours to be considered full-time (except summer term).
- Payment for students enrolling in less than 12 hours will be prorated.