

Policy Manual



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GENERAL STATEMENT

Broward College (the “College”) is authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security to accept and certify Veterans benefits (GI Bill) and Military Tuition Assistance (TA) for Active duty military personnel and designated reservists authorized as eligible by the Department of Defense. The College also processes benefits for eligible dependents of military personnel. All Active Duty Service Members (including Guard and Reserve) are encouraged to contact their Education Service Officer (ESO) or Education Counselor within their branch of service prior to enrolling at Broward College. Veterans and Active duty military personnel are also encouraged to apply for other sources of financial aid, including but not limited to, Federal Student aid.

Veterans may be exempt from the college placement test if their entry and graduation from a Florida public or charter school meets this standard as defined in College policies 6Hx2-5.01 Admissions and 6Hx2-5.14 Placement Testing and Skills Remediation. Active duty military personnel are exempt as defined in policy. The GI Bill will not cover payment for remediation courses if taken fully online or if the veteran does not have a demonstrated verifiable need.

THE POLICY AND THE STUDENT

The College’s veterans certifying officer is located within the department of Student Financial Aid. VA Chapter 31 and Tuition Assistance (TA) are invoiced by the Office of Student Accounts/College Bursar. Eligible veterans and military personnel receive priority registration each semester and on-campus service priority at any time during their enrollment period by presenting a valid College ID card with a “Student Veteran” designator. Active duty and reservist are eligible for tuition refunds, pursuant to College policy 6Hx2-5.36 when duty orders require them to discontinue or postpone their education at any time during their enrollment period.

The College accepts military credits articulated by the American Council on Education ACE and may apply the credit recommendations to fulfill courses that are deemed equivalent to Broward College course(s) or whether the coursework could be accepted as elective credits applicable to the degree program enrolled. The College cannot guarantee acceptance of credit recommendations made by any entity, including ACE, except in cases as articulated in Florida Statute. Students must meet standards of academic progress as prescribed by the appropriate Federal agency.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The President has the authority to delegate the authority to establish procedures to implement this policy. The Associate Vice President for Student Financial Services, under the direction of the Vice President for Finance is responsible for the implementation and oversight of policy compliance. Students who wish to grieve a decision related to the determination of veteran or tuition assistance benefits may appeal to the Veterans Administration, the Department of Defense, or the Department of Homeland Security respectively. For programs for veterans and

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active duty military students, Broward College uses the academic standards of progress. If a student is suspended, then they may not receive benefits.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

Students who are veterans or active duty military personnel who fail to follow the guidelines set forth by the US Department of Veterans Administration, Department of Defense or the Department of Homeland Security may have their benefits delayed or denied.

DEFINITIONS

Veteran – a person who served in the United States active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

Active Duty – full time service in one of the armed service branches of the U.S. military.

GI Bills – Department of Veterans Affairs administered programs to provide educational benefits to qualified U.S. military veterans and active duty personnel. **Military Tuition Assistance (TA)** - Military Tuition Assistance is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

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