

Overview of VA Education Benefits

There are various VA education programs available, all of which have their own unique qualifying criteria and rates of payment. **These programs do not pay a student's tuition (except for Chapter 31), instead; students pay their own tuition and then receive monthly benefit payments from the VA.** (Eligible students may apply for advance payment of benefits.) All benefits are determined by the student's training time. The VA established levels of training time are: "full", "3/4", "half", and "less than half". See below for specific session information. Benefits for students training while on active duty and those training less than half-time are limited to the amount of tuition and fees paid. **As the number of credits determine the payment amount, it is absolutely essential that students immediately report all changes in enrollment (drops/adds) to the college's Office of Veterans Affairs.**

Fall 2006					
Session Information			Credits Required by Training Time		
Session	Dates	# of weeks	FULL	¾	½
16W	August 19 – December 15	17	12	9	6
8W1	August 19 – October 12	8	6	4	3
8W2	October 14 – December 15	9	6	5	3
5W1	August 19 – September 22	5	4	3	2
5W2	September 23 – October 27	5	4	3	2
5W3	October 28 – December 8	6	4	3	2

VA education benefits for **active duty** students and those training at **less than ½ time** limited by the amount of tuition and fees paid.